

Comparison of NC Tax Rates

| | Corporate | Income | Sales |
|------------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
| ● North Carolina | 6.9% | 8.25%¹ | 4.50% |
| ● Tennessee | 6.5% | 0.00% | 7.00% |
| ● Alabama | 6.5% | 5.00% ² | 4.00% |
| ● Virginia | 6.0% | 5.75% ³ | 3.50% |
| ● Georgia | 6.0% | 6.00% ⁴ | 4.00% |
| ● Florida | 5.5% | 0.00% | 6.00% |
| ● South Carolina | 5.0% | 7.00% ⁵ | 5.00% |

Source: Tax Foundation, As of December 31, 2003

Notes: 1. >120K, 2.>3K, 3.> 17K, 4. >7K, 5.>12K