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Personal Income 1997-2007

How does the state of Iowa compare in personal income growth to the states that do not have a personal income tax? The figures below show the growth in personal income from 1997 to 2007 in Iowa, seven states — Alaska, Florida, Nevada, South Dakota, Texas, Washington, and Wyoming — that do not impose a state personal income tax, and two additional states — New Hampshire and Tennessee — that tax only dividend and interest income.

- Personal income growth for the state of Iowa lagged behind the nine states that do not have a personal income tax. In fact, Iowa's personal income growth was less than half that of the top two non-income tax states — Nevada and Wyoming.

Nevada	114.6%
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Texas	89.8%
Florida	87.9%
Washington	76.9%
South Dakota	73.8%
New Hampshire	68.2%
Alaska	66.4%
Tennessee	64.8%
Iowa	52.2%

Source: Arthur B. Laffer, Stephen Moore & Jonathan Williams, "Rich States, Poor States: ALEC-Laffer State Economic Competitiveness Index," 2nd Edition, 2009.

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