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Population 1997-2007

How does the state of Iowa compare in population growth to the states that do not have a personal income tax? The figures below show the growth in population 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.

- Iowa saw less population growth than the nine states that do not have a personal income tax. While it is less surprising that states in the southern U.S. saw greater population growth, even our neighbor to the northwest, South Dakota, had greater population growth than Iowa.

Nevada	40.3%
Texas	20.7%
Florida	18.3%
Washington	13.5%
Tennessee	11.6%
Alaska	10.7%
New Hampshire	9.1%
Wyoming	8.5%
South Dakota	7.8%
Iowa	3.4%

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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