Cheatsheet: Learn When and Why You Pay Which Taxes Understanding the taxes you owe on what you earn, buy and own.

| Income | Capital Gains | Payroll | Sales | Excise |
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| Earn | Earn | Earn | Buy | Buy |
| Individuals and corporations pay federal & state income tax. | When your personal assets increase in value, you owe taxes on that profit. | Taxes for social security and medicare are also deducted from your paycheck | States charge taxes on sales of goods and services, but not every state charges the same. | You pay the "sin" tax on items like gasoline, soda, alcohol & cigarettes. |
| Gross Receipt | Value Added | Property | Estate, Gift & Inheritance | Wealth |
| Buy | Buy | Own | Own | Own |
| Gross sales of companies are taxed, falling back on consumer. | Outside the US, taxes occur with added value in production. Careful with global purchases. | States also tax tangible and residential property, like homes & vehicles. | When assets are distributed as a gift or after death, taxes are due. | If someones net worth is above a certain USD value, they owe a wealth tax. |