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Madison County Tax Facts

Nebraskans already suffer the burden of exceedingly high property tax rates, at a time when average family incomes are not even keeping up with inflation, Madison County taxpayers must ensure that they are not asked to shoulder an even greater burden for local government.

- **The unemployment rate in Madison County has remained steady since May 2009, dropping .3% from 4.4% to 4.1%, which in total is 1,081 people and families – NE Department of Labor**
- **Nebraskans pay the 12th highest rate of individual taxes in the country - Creighton University Economics Professor Ernie Goss.**
- **The State of Nebraska alone takes 10.47% of the average Nebraskans' income through Sales and Individual Income taxes. This does not account for federal and local taxes - NE Department of Labor.**
- **Madison County residents typically pay a 7% sales tax rate, which is a mixture of state (5.5%) and local (1.5%) taxes, of which the City of Madison collects nearly \$200,000 and the City of Norfolk collects \$6.5 million. – Nebraska Department of Revenue and Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts**
- **Madison County's average property tax rate is higher than the national average. The average Madison County property taxpayer pays \$1,949.5/\$100, or \$1,949.5 for a \$100,000 home. When compared to the national average of \$1,838, North Platte taxpayers pay over \$100 more than the national average - Platte Institute for Economic Research and Nebraska Department of Revenue.**
- **Madison County's young people are leaving. Nebraska is the 10th most heavily out-migrated state for young, single, college-educated people. The reason is simple; from 1997 to 2005 the number of new jobs in Nebraska was 102,200 while the number of recent college graduates was 195,000. – U.S. Census Bureau and Platte Institute for Economic Research**
 - Without enough jobs to go around, young people have created what we commonly refer to as the 'Brain Drain'. High taxes, which discourage business investment, will not lure new jobs to Madison County.