

# While Amazon Reaps Billions From Taxpayers For HQ2, Many Of The Largest Companies In New York and Virginia Paid Double The Effective Federal Tax Rate Of Amazon

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### New York and Virginia Were “Fleeced” Into Giving Amazon Billions For HQ2.

Amazon will reap [enormous taxpayer-funded incentives](#) to build its second corporate headquarters. Virginia offered Amazon a \$573 million incentive package, while New York promised the company \$1.525 billion in incentives, including \$1.2 billion over the next ten years.

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### From 2008 to 2015, many of the largest companies in New York and Virginia paid more than double the effective federal tax rate of Amazon.

According to an analysis by the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, from [2008 to 2015](#), Amazon paid an effective federal corporate income tax rate of 10.8%— a rate that pales in comparison to what the largest companies in New York and Virginia pay.

Amazon’s ability to shelter its profits from federal income taxes reflects a trend that culminated in 2017, when the company reported \$5.6 billion in US profits and paid [zero federal income taxes](#), according to the ITEP.

New York Public Company Effective Federal Tax Rates, 2008-2015			
Company	Profit (Millions)	Tax	Rate
Goldman Sachs Group	50,210.4	12,118.9	24.1%
American Express	41,674.7	9,577.2	23.0%
Viacom	18,261.4	4,260.4	23.3%
Coach Inc	6,293.4	2,263.6	36.0%
Polo Ralph Lauren	4,046.2	1,065.1	26.3%
<b>Amazon</b>	<b>6,237.5</b>	<b>674.5</b>	<b>10.8%</b>

Virginia Public Company Effective Federal Tax Rates, 2008-2015			
Company	Profit (Millions)	Tax	Rate
Altria Group	47,468.0	16,583.0	34.9%
Capital One Financial	31,122.5	8,602.2	27.6%
General Dynamics	24,720.3	6,674.2	27.0%
Northrop Grumman	21,383.0	4,712.0	22.0%
CarMax	5,085.8	1,644.3	32.3%
<b>Amazon</b>	<b>6,237.5</b>	<b>674.5</b>	<b>10.8%</b>

(Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, accessed [11/13/18](#); Newsday, accessed [11/13/18](#); Virginia Business, [3/16/16](#))

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