**WISTAX Facts: Slowed Local Taxes Drive Decline in State’s Tax Burden**

The state-local tax burden relative to personal income has declined steadily in recent years, from a high of 11.9% in 2011 to 10.7% in 2017. This figure excludes federal taxes.

This decrease has been driven primarily by income expansion and restrained growth in local tax collections. As a share of personal income, the local tax burden fell from 4.5% of income in 2011 to 3.7% in 2017. The state’s share fell from 7.4% to 7.0% of income.

Tax collections illustrate this trend even more clearly. State collections increased 10.1% between 2012 and 2017, while they increased only 3.8% at the local level.