

Where You Live Can Be Dangerous For Your Tax Health - 5/1/2000

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The Internal Revenue Code is very nondiscriminatory. It shafts us all equally. However, as you will find out, not all taxpayers are equally at risk from an IRS Audit. Based on manpower, funding and mismanagement, some districts product a higher audit risk than others. The following chart that was gotten from the Transaction Records Access Clearinghouse, Syracuse University is based on IRS statistics:

<u>Best Places to Live</u>	<u>Corporation Audit Rate</u>
* North Florida	* .92%
* Houston	* 1.03%
* Rocky Mountain	* 1.03%
* Delaware-Maryland	* 1.06%
* Illinois	* 1.07%
<u>Worst Places to Live</u>	<u>Corporation Audit Rates</u>
* Los Angeles	* 2.88%
* Manhattan	* 2.75 %
* Arkansas-Oklahoma	* 2.26%
* Upstate New York	* 2.08%
* New England	* 2.08%

The conclusion from all this is that you should be especially cautious and double check that you have good documentation if you live in the bottom five noted areas.

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