

## SOME WEBSITES OF INTEREST

Links where you can read various opinions about fiscal issues.

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### **ILLINOIS POLICY INSTITUTE**

[Www.illinoispolicy.org](http://www.illinoispolicy.org),

*Budget Solutions 2012: A Sustainable Path for Illinois*

<http://www.illinoispolicy.org/uploads/files/BudgetSolutions2012.pdf>

On [WWW.ILLINOISPOLICY.ORG](http://WWW.ILLINOISPOLICY.ORG) home page, search on "Fact Finder" for a series of articles dealing with taxes, schools, and more.

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### **CTBA: CENTER FOR TAX AND BUDGET ACCOUNTABILITY**

[www.ctbaonline.org](http://www.ctbaonline.org)

Funding our Future, Reforming Illinois Tax Policy, October, 29, 2010

[http://www.ctbaonline.org/New\\_Folder/Budget,%20Tax%20and%20Revenue/FINAL%20Funding%20Our%20Future-CTBA%20Report%2010.29.2010.pdf](http://www.ctbaonline.org/New_Folder/Budget,%20Tax%20and%20Revenue/FINAL%20Funding%20Our%20Future-CTBA%20Report%2010.29.2010.pdf)

Analysis of the Proposed Illinois FY2012 Budget

[http://www.ctbaonline.org/New\\_Folder/Budget,%20Tax%20and%20Revenue/FINAL%20CTBA%20FY2012%20Budget%20Analysis%203.22.2011.pdf](http://www.ctbaonline.org/New_Folder/Budget,%20Tax%20and%20Revenue/FINAL%20CTBA%20FY2012%20Budget%20Analysis%203.22.2011.pdf)

ILLINOIS IS ONE OF THE LOWEST SPENDING STATES IN THE NATION

[http://www.ctbaonline.org/New\\_Folder/Budget,%20Tax%20and%20Revenue/IL%20State%20Spending%20Facts%205.7.2010.pdf](http://www.ctbaonline.org/New_Folder/Budget,%20Tax%20and%20Revenue/IL%20State%20Spending%20Facts%205.7.2010.pdf)

The Taxpayer Accountability and Budget Stabilization Act (P.A. 96-1496)

[http://www.ctbaonline.org/New\\_Folder/Budget,%20Tax%20and%20Revenue/CTBA%20Issue%20Brief%20PA96-1496%20\[FINAL%202.9.2011\].pdf](http://www.ctbaonline.org/New_Folder/Budget,%20Tax%20and%20Revenue/CTBA%20Issue%20Brief%20PA96-1496%20[FINAL%202.9.2011].pdf)

FACT SHEET: HJRCA61 Constitutional Spending Limits

[http://www.ctbaonline.org/New\\_Folder/Workforce%20Dev/Fact%20Sheet\\_%20CTBA%20Constitutional%20Spending%20Limits\\_HJRCA%2061%20\[1.4.2011\].pdf](http://www.ctbaonline.org/New_Folder/Workforce%20Dev/Fact%20Sheet_%20CTBA%20Constitutional%20Spending%20Limits_HJRCA%2061%20[1.4.2011].pdf)

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### **ILLINOIS INSTITUTE OF GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

(Urbana-Champaign-Chicago-Springfield)

<http://igpa.uillinois.edu/about>

Public Pensions in Illinois

<http://igpa.uillinois.edu/pensions>

A variety of material on proposed pension legislation and analysis of policy

Understanding State Government Budget Problems: Insights from the Midwest Region

Working paper

<http://igpa.uillinois.edu/system/files/wp116.pdf>

Related tables

<http://igpa.uillinois.edu/system/files/wp116-Tables.pdf>

The Illinois Economy: Current and Future Fiscal Challenges

<http://igpa.uillinois.edu/system/files/IL-Economy-FAQ2010.pdf>

## *The Fiscal Futures Project Research and Articles*

<http://igpa.uillinois.edu/fiscalfutures/research>

*Note: there are Illinois reports also for 2010 & 2009*

Illinois Report 2011 “Titanic and Sinking: The Illinois Budget Disaster.” (written before the tax increase examined in *Fiscal Fallout 5*)

<http://igpa.uillinois.edu/IR11/Titanic-and-sinking/>

Full report, “The Fiscal Futures Project: Progress Report and Initial Results,” downloadable at:

<http://igpa.uillinois.edu/content/fiscal-futures-project>

### **Fiscal Fallout Series, short reports**

Fiscal Fallout 1 THE GENERAL FUNDS ARE NOT THE TOTAL STATE BUDGET

<http://igpa.uillinois.edu/system/files/FF-1-23aug10.pdf>

Fiscal Fallout 2 How Does Illinois budget deficit measure up

<http://igpa.uillinois.edu/media/FF2>

Fiscal Fallout 3 11 October 2010 As Far as the Eye can See...Illinois’ structural deficit

<http://igpa.uillinois.edu/system/files/documents/FF-3-11Oct10.pdf>

Fiscal Fallout 4 Alas, even the tax increases proposed are not sufficient to close the state’s enormous budget gap

<http://igpa.uillinois.edu/system/files/documents/FF-4-10jan11.pdf>

Fiscal Fallout 5 The large tax increase just enacted falls short of closing the state’s enormous budget gap

<HTTP://igpa.uillinois.edu/system/files/documents/FF-5-18jan11.pdf>

### **Other reports and publications**

White Paper, (*forthcoming*). “Why Ignore Almost Half of the Illinois State Budget Picture? Consolidation of General and Special Fund Reporting.”

[Documentation of data and method](#). Appendixes from “The Fiscal Futures Progress Report” revised to include changes in the model through May 2011.

May 2010 Report Summary, “The Fiscal Futures Project: Progress Report Summary.”

[May 2010 Progress Report](#), “The Fiscal Futures Project: Progress Report and Initial Results.”

[Tax Facts - March 2010](#), “Illinois’ Fiscal Future is Bleak,” Tax Facts, a publication of the Taxpayers’ Federation of Illinois, (This is an excerpt from *The Illinois Report 2010* chapter with updated material.)