



# Rhode Island Division of Taxation

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
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**Advisory:**

## Tax amnesty ends up with \$22 million

The Rhode Island Division of Taxation collected a total of \$22.38 million through the state's tax amnesty program, according to the agency's final tally. It is more than twice what the agency collected in the last state tax amnesty program in 2006 (\$9.88 million), and more than double the amnesty's budgeted estimate for the current fiscal year (\$10.94 million).

"The amnesty program was an overwhelming success," said state Tax Administrator David M. Sullivan. "We are also delighted that so many taxpayers took advantage of the opportunity to clean their slates and get a fresh start."

The program's final tally was included in the amnesty report that the Division of Taxation delivered on Monday, December 31, 2012, to the chairpersons of the House and Senate Finance Committees, with copies to members of the state's Revenue Estimating Conference.

The amnesty was the result of legislation approved by the General Assembly and signed into law in June by Governor Lincoln D. Chafee. For those who paid their delinquent state taxes, the Division of Taxation waived penalties and reduced interest by 25 percent.

The Division of Taxation received and approved 7,752 applications for amnesty, compared with 2,162 applications during the 2006 amnesty. As part of the 75-day amnesty, which ran from September 2 through November 15, 2012, the Division of Taxation mailed more than 81,400 notices to taxpayers with outstanding state tax liabilities, created a special amnesty website and e-mail address, and established a call center to handle amnesty-related questions. From September 2 through November 30, 2012, the center received more than 8,800 calls.

Overall, the 2012 amnesty raised \$22,377,259.74. Following are the top four sources of revenue:

Rhode Island's tax amnesty 2012	
Personal income tax	\$ 8,130,508
Public service corporation tax	\$ 5,161,691
Sales and use tax	\$ 4,605,398
Corporate tax	\$ 2,450,661

All figures are final, through December 31, 2012, and include tax and interest paid.

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