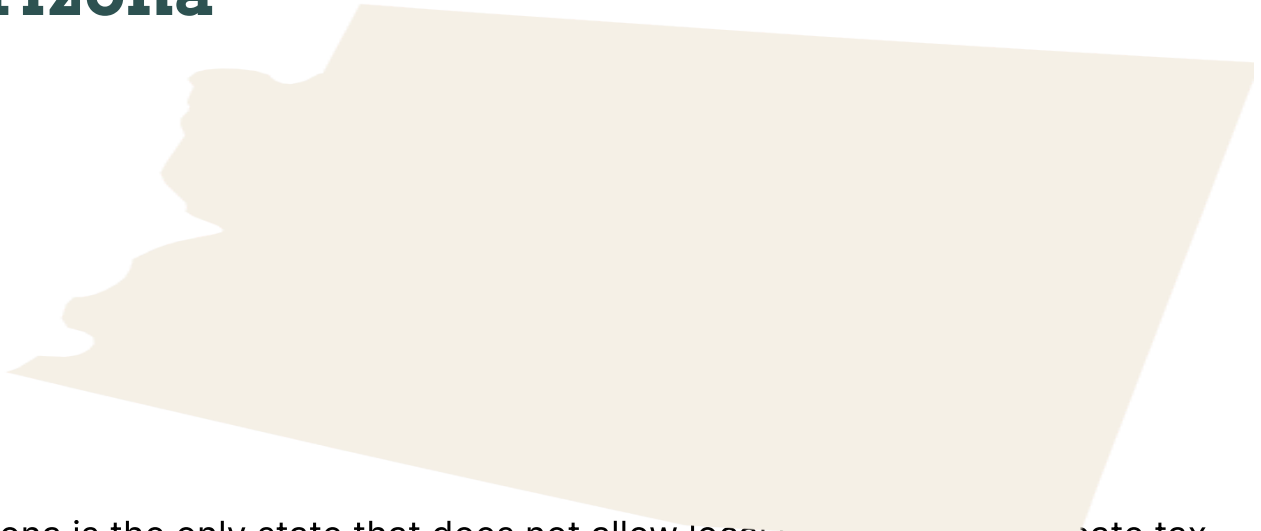


Arizona



Arizona is the only state that does not allow local jurisdictions to create tax increment financing (TIF) districts. But — it does have the Rio Nuevo TIF at the state level and the Government Property Lease Excise Tax at the local level that diverts revenues from public coffers. Arizona used to boast no film subsidies but enacted the Arizona Motion Picture Production Program in January 2023. Arizona has had five megadeals, and a total subsidy giveaway of over \$1 billion, since 1994.

Most of Arizona's state incentive programs are administered by the Arizona Commerce Authority (ACA)—the public-private-partnered economic development agency that succeeded the Arizona Department of Commerce in 2010.

The ACA issues annual reports on all its incentives, but the amount of information provided varies by program due to confidentiality laws. Some, like the Quality Jobs Tax Credit, have the projected and *actual* number of new jobs created,

As for aggregate program costs, the Office of Economic Research and Analysis in the Department of Revenue issues tax expenditure reports every year. The General Accounting Office in the Department of Administration publishes the Annual Comprehensive Financial Reports (ACFRs), but they don't have any cost information for any of the major tax incentive programs except for the Rio Nuevo TIF. Arizona's municipalities generally report tax abatements in accordance with Statement No. 77, but none of its school districts do.

- **See our analysis** of GASB 77 data from 2017-2021 on our [Arizona State Fact Sheet](#).
- **See who is responsible** for the implementation of GASB 77 on our [Arizona State Road Map](#).

Established in 2002, the Joint Legislative Income Tax Credit Review Committee issues annual evaluations of income tax credits on variable cycles (of which the R&D tax credit is one) on variable cycles but the lack of analytical rigor and the powerlessness of the legislative staff analysts stand in the way of policy changes.

Our database tracking corporate misconduct, [Violation Tracker](#), scours 450 federal, state and local agencies in compiling resolved civil and criminal cases against companies. See the list of state agencies from which we collect information in [Arizona](#).

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Significant State Programs

Arizona Community Fund

Quality Jobs Incentive Program
\$12.3 million in 2023

Research and Development Tax Credit
\$59.6 million in 2021

Qualified Facility Tax Credit
\$55.9 million in 2023

Problematic Programs and Practices

In addition to economic development subsidy programs, many states have tax code provisions and other practices that result in significant revenue loss and thus reduce the resources needed for vital public services. These problematic policies are summarized in the table below – a yes means the state offers it. Click on the name for more information

	YES	NO
Tax increment financing (TIF)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Film subsidies		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Company retention of withholding tax



Refundable/transferrable tax credit



CAPCOs



Uncapped vendor discount



Single sales factor



Big income tax loophole



Coupled federal/state taxes for Opportunity Zones



Unregulated site consultants



Workarounds for gift-clause ban



Privatized economic development agencies



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