

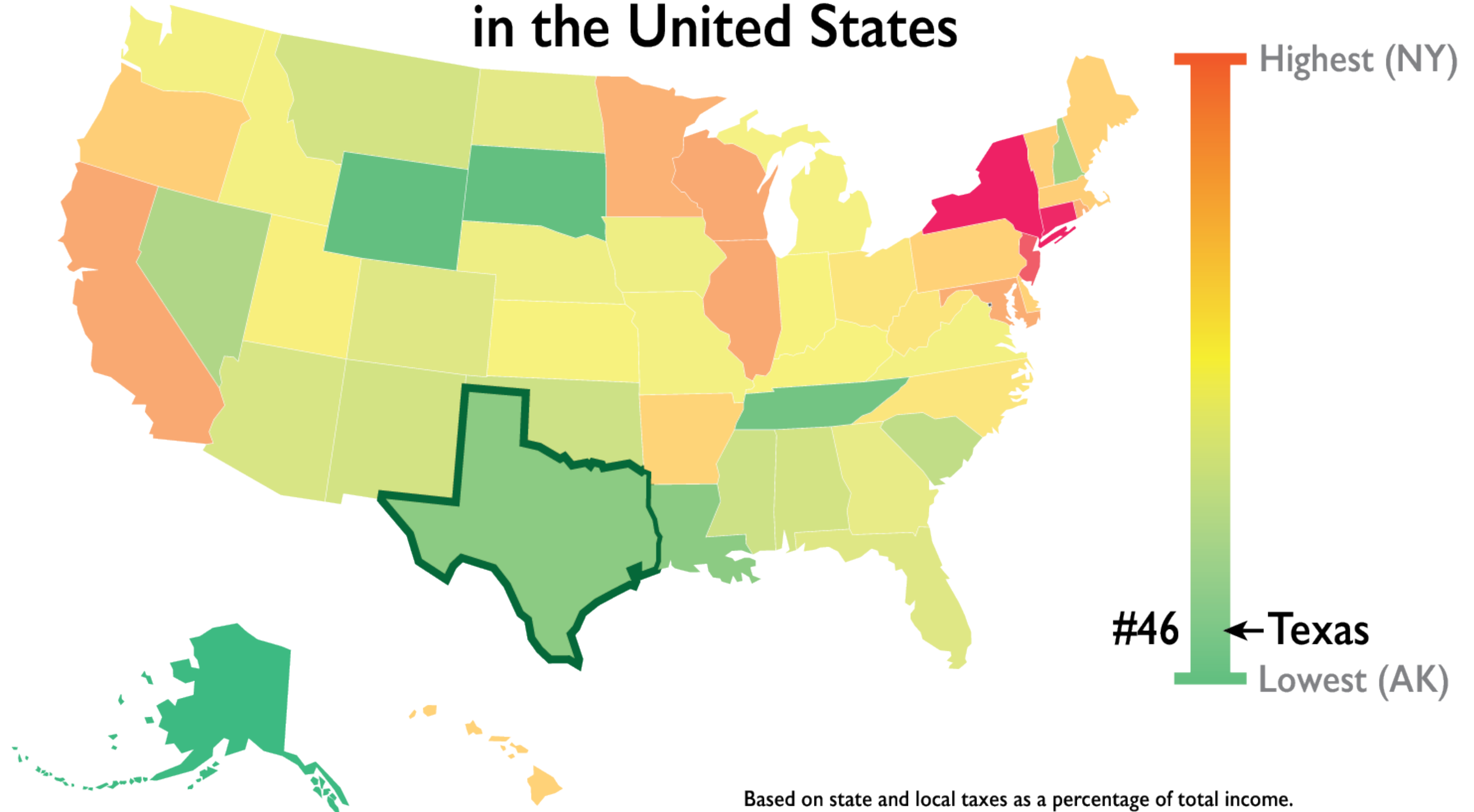
**Context:**

*(Not to be used word-for-word, but provided for context):*

Texas Governor Abbott and some state legislators have proposed placing strict limits on local government revenue and tax growth.

Based on the current system, which allows for a high degree of local control of property taxes, Texans in local government have produced the 5th lowest total tax burden in America while building some of the country's best cities.

## Texas has the 5<sup>th</sup> lowest total tax burden in the United States



Based on state and local taxes as a percentage of total income.  
Source: Facts & Figures 2017: How Does Your State Compare, Tax Foundation  
<https://taxfoundation.org/facts-figures-2017/>

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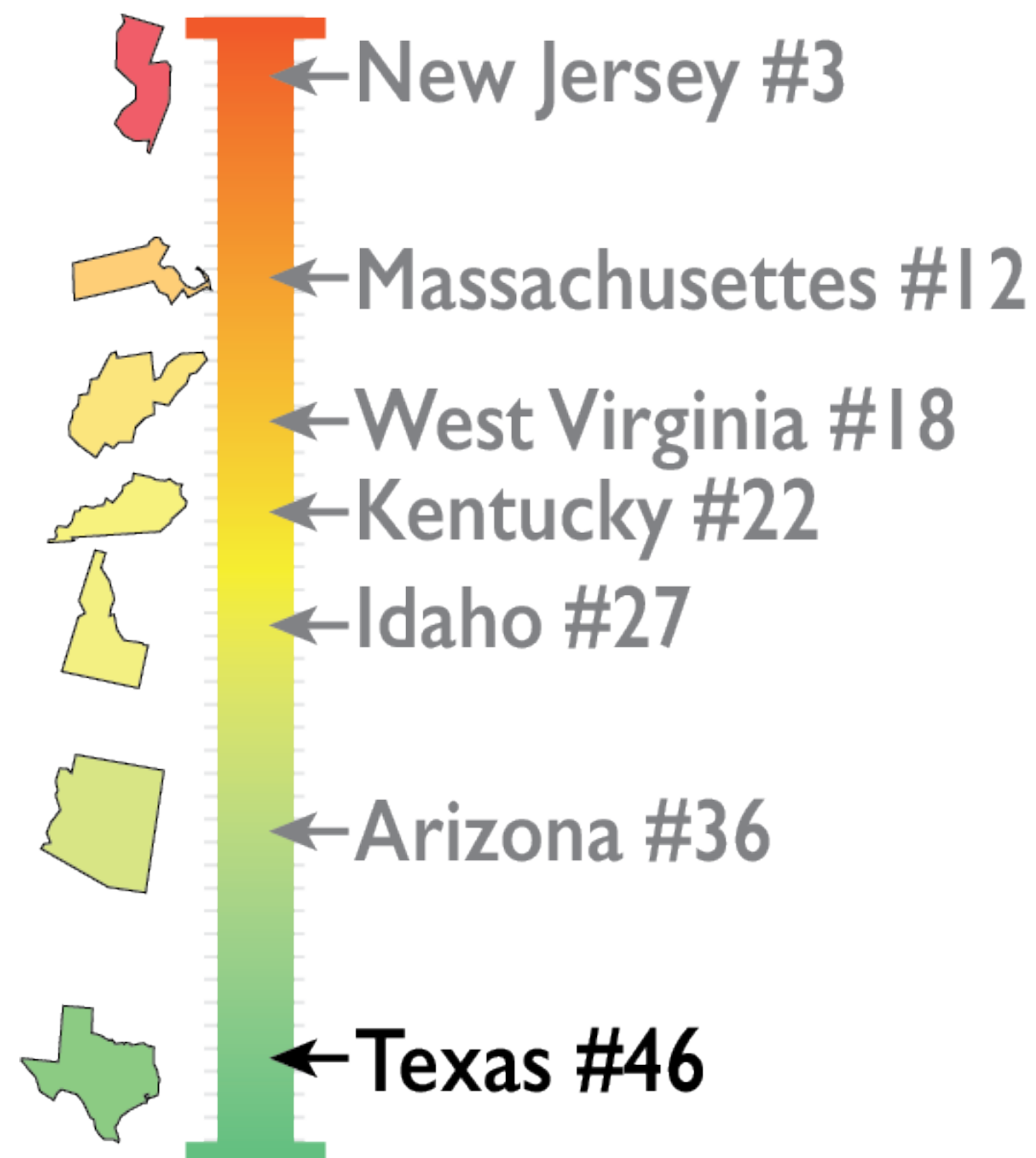
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The states used as “models” for the Governor’s proposals all have less local control over taxes, and subsequently a much higher total tax burden.

A direct quote from the Governor’s report is “The results of Proposition 2.5 have been positive for property owners in Massachusetts.”

Yet the total tax burden in Massachusetts is 36% *higher* in Massachusetts than in Texas based on total taxes as a percentage of income.

# States with fixed revenue caps like Governor Abbott is proposing have much **HIGHER** total tax burdens than Texas



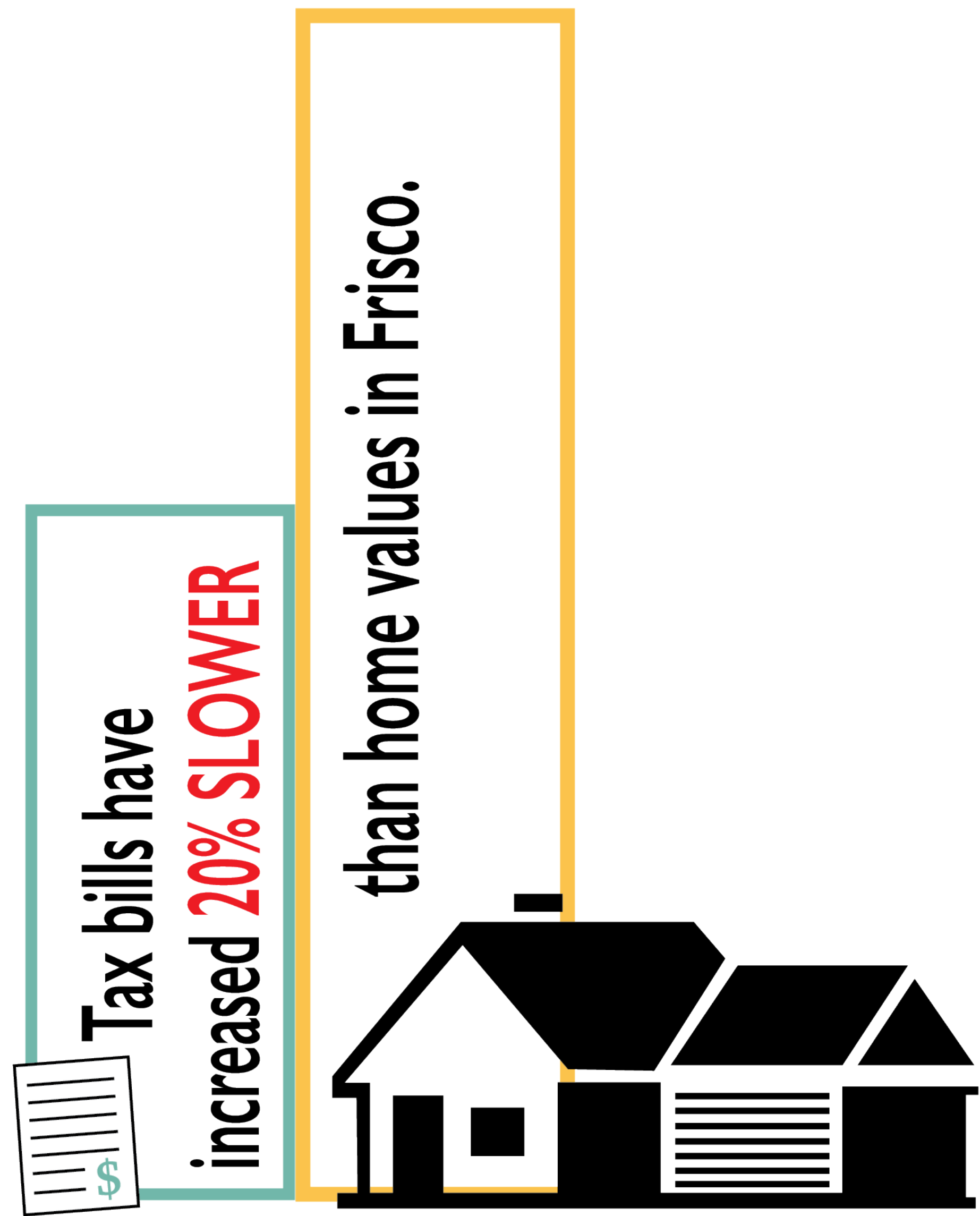
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While property tax bills have increased on average in Texas, the City of Frisco's average tax bill has risen much more slowly than home values have risen.



Based on difference between FY2009 and FY2018 average home values and average actual tax bill.  
Source: City of Frisco

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The City of Frisco has approved significant property tax relief for its homeowners with one of the highest homestead exemptions in the state.

While population and demands for local service has risen dramatically, the City of Frisco has consistently lowered the property tax burden on its homeowners, all without the oversight of the Governor Abbott or the state legislature.

