

The Financial State of Alabama  
As of September 30, 2012

**The State's Bills Exceed Its Assets**

Assets	\$46,350,424,000
Less: Capital Assets	\$27,698,177,000
Restricted Assets	\$9,029,380,000
Assets Available to Pay Bills	\$9,622,867,000
Less: Bills	\$24,959,100,000
Money Needed to Pay Bills	<b>\$15,336,233,000</b>
<b>Each Taxpayer's* Burden</b>	<b>\$12,100</b>

The state of Alabama has \$46.4 billion in assets, but most of these assets are not available to pay State bills.

The \$27.7 billion of capital assets, such as roads, buildings, and land should not be sold to pay bills. The use of \$9 billion of the assets is restricted by law or contract.

That leaves \$9.6 billion of State's assets available to pay \$25 billion of bills as they come due.

The \$15.3 billion shortfall represents compensation and other costs incurred in prior years that should have been paid in those prior years. Instead these costs have been shifted to future taxpayers.

**Today Each Taxpayer Owes \$12,100**

*Number of taxpayers is based on the number of Alabama federal tax filers with a tax liability.*

*Data is derived from the state of Alabama's September 30, 2012 audited Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and retirement plans' actuarial reports.*



**The Bills the State Has Accumulated**

State Bonds	\$8,395,992,000
Other Liabilities	\$4,880,248,000
Less: Debt Related to Capital Assets	\$4,107,561,000
Unfunded Pension Benefits	\$4,160,259,000
Unfunded Retirees' Health Care Benefits	\$11,630,162,000
<b>Bills</b>	<b>\$24,959,100,000</b>

Despite the balanced budget requirement, the State has accumulated bonds of \$8.4 billion and other liabilities of \$4.9 billion. The calculation of assets available to pay bills does not include capital assets, so \$4.1 billion of related debt is removed from the calculation of State Bills.

Unfunded employees' retirement benefits represent 63% of State bills. These unfunded liabilities have accumulated because State employees have been promised \$4.2 billion of pension benefits and \$11.6 billion of retirees' health care benefits, but the State has not adequately funded them.

Unless these pension and retirees' health care benefits are renegotiated, future taxpayers will be burdened with paying for these benefits without receiving any corresponding government services or benefits.

**All Retirement Liabilities  
Are Not Clearly Disclosed**

Reported Retirement Liabilities	\$695,504,000
Unreported Retirement Liabilities	\$15,094,917,000
<b>Total Retirement Liabilities</b>	<b>\$15,790,421,000</b>

A detailed study of Alabama's actuaries' schedules found retirement benefits totaling \$15.8 billion have been promised, but not funded. But a review of the State's balance sheet determined only \$695.5 million of these liabilities are reported. This means that \$15.1 billion of retirement liabilities are not reported on the State's balance sheet.

## THE BEST STATE

ALASKA IS A  
SUNSHINE STATE



The State  
Owns  
\$37.4 billion



The State  
Owes  
\$23.9 billion



**THE STATE'S ASSETS  
EXCEED ITS BILLS**

The state of Alaska is a sunshine state because it has assets above its outstanding bills. The State has a \$13.5 billion financial surplus.

**Each Taxpayer's Share of This Financial Surplus is \$45,000**

Unlike most states, Alaska has the money need to fund State employees' retirement benefits and other outstanding bills. Alaska is in good financial shape because the legislators and governors have only promised citizens and employees what they can afford to deliver.

*Number of taxpayers based on the number of Alaska federal tax filers with a tax liability.*

**RETIREMENT LIABILITIES ARE  
MASSIVELY UNDERSTATED**

**Reported Retirement Liabilities \$3,185,000**

**Actual Retirement Liabilities \$13,173,930,000**

Truth in Accounting's detailed analysis discovered a total of \$13.2 billion of retirement benefits have been promised but not funded. Because of the confusing way the State does its accounting, only \$3.2 million of these liabilities are reported on Alaska's balance sheet.

- ☀ The Institute for Truth in Accounting is committed to compelling governments to provide citizens with truthful and transparent financial information.
- ☀ We call on governments to truthfully balance their budgets by including all real and certain expenses when incurred not when paid.
- ☀ A transparent budget process would provide citizens with the information they need to be knowledgeable participants in their state government.

**To be knowledgeable participants in their State government, citizens need to be provided with truthful and transparent financial information.**

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The Financial State of Alaska  
As of June 30, 2012

**The State's Assets Exceed Its Bills**

Assets	\$89,240,210,000
Less: Capital Assets	\$10,240,629,000
Restricted Assets	\$41,561,162,000
Assets Available to Pay Bills	\$37,438,419,000
Less: Bills	\$23,923,894,000
Money Available to Pay Bills	<b>\$13,514,525,000</b>
<b>Each Taxpayer's Surplus</b>	<b>\$45,000</b>

The state of Alaska has \$89.2 billion in assets, but most of these assets are not available to pay State bills.

The \$10.2 billion of capital assets, such as roads, buildings, and land should not be sold to pay bills. The use of \$41.6 billion of the assets is restricted by law or contract.

That leaves \$37.4 billion of State's assets available to pay \$23.9 billion of bills as they come due.

Alaska's elected officials seem to promise only the amount of benefits they can afford to pay.

**Each Taxpayer's Share of the Financial Surplus is \$45,000**

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**The Bills the State Has Accumulated**

State Bonds	\$5,668,747,000
Other Liabilities	\$7,158,490,000
Less: Debt Related to Capital Assets	\$2,077,273,000
Unfunded Pension Benefits	\$7,093,974,000
Unfunded Retirees' Health Care Benefits	\$6,079,956,000
<b>Bills</b>	<b>\$23,923,894,000</b>

The State has accumulated bonds of \$5.7 billion and other liabilities of \$7.2 billion. The calculation of assets available to pay bills does not include capital assets, so \$2.1 billion of related debt is removed from the calculation of State Bills.

Unfunded employees' retirement benefits represent 55% of State bills. These unfunded liabilities have accumulated because State employees have been promised \$7.1 billion of pension benefits and \$6.1 billion of retirees' health care benefits. Unlike most states, Alaska has the assets needed to pay these liabilities.

Alaska elected officials seem to promise only what they can afford.

**All Retirement Liabilities Are Not Clearly Disclosed**

Reported Retirement Liabilities	\$3,185,000
Unreported Retirement Liabilities	\$13,170,745,000
<b>Total Retirement Liabilities</b>	<b>\$13,173,930,000</b>

A detailed study of Alaska's actuaries' schedules found retirement benefits totaling \$13.2 billion have been promised, but not funded. But a review of the State's balance sheet determined only \$3.2 million of these liabilities are reported. This means 55% of the State's liabilities are not reported on the State's balance sheet.