

Why Pennsylvania could be your “Smart Move”








- Your tax burden in retirement can be very different depending on which state you live in; (See Exhibits 1 & 2)
 - Some states say they are “no tax on retirement income” states but they do tax some forms of retirement income, e.g. 401k income; (See Exhibit 1)
 - Pennsylvania is one of only 9 states that exempt all federal, military, and in-state pensions as well as all Social Security benefits from income tax, including: AL, HI, IL, LA, MA, MI, MS, & NY
- If most of your retirement income is from an IRA or 401K, you can still face a significant tax burden even in a “no tax on retirement income” state;
 - [**Pennsylvania and Mississippi are the ONLY states that exempt all retirement income, even IRA and 401\(k\) distributions**](#)
- Moving to Pennsylvania when you retire is a “Smart Move”—most states don’t tax contributions to your retirement account while you’re working but do tax withdrawals in retirement. Pennsylvania does the opposite—it doesn’t tax withdrawals in retirement. [**Moving to Pennsylvania means you can legally avoid any state tax on your retirement savings!**](#)
- Penn National is an amenity-rich community located only 11 miles from the Maryland border. That means a mild climate similar to Washington, DC, a beautiful country setting, proximity to major metropolitan hubs, and the unique tax benefits of Pennsylvania!
 - Penn National is close to urban areas for entertainment and airports—Frederick, MD (40 minutes); Baltimore, MD & Washington, DC (90 minutes); New York City (3 hours)
 - State-of-the-art Medical facilities are nearby (20 minutes), Hershey Medical Center (60 minutes)

Pennsylvania is one of only 2 states to exempt all retirement income— even IRA and 401(k)

Exhibit 1: State by state tax comparison



	 Pennsylvania	 Maryland	 Delaware	 North Carolina	 Virginia
Bottom Line	Tax friendly	Mixed tax picture	Mixed tax picture	Mixed tax picture	Mixed tax picture
State Sales Tax	6% ... but food, clothes, prescription & non-prescription drugs are exempt	6%	None	4.75%	4.3%
Income Tax	Flat: 3.07%	High: 5.75%	High: 6.75%	High: 7.75%	High: 5.75%
Income Sources Taxed?					
401(k), IRA	Not Taxed	Taxed	Taxed	Taxed	Taxed
State Pension	Not Taxed	Taxed	Taxed	Taxed	Taxed
Local Pension	Not Taxed	Taxed	Taxed	Taxed	Taxed
Fed. Pension	Not Taxed	Taxed	Taxed	Taxed	Taxed
Military Pension	Not Taxed	No	Taxed	Taxed	Taxed
Social Security	Not Taxed	No	No	No	No
Private Pension	Not Taxed	Taxed	Taxed	Taxed	Taxed

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Disclaimer: Every effort has been made to present an accurate comparison but you should consult your own financial advisor before relying on this information in connection with a purchase of real estate.

Exhibit 2: Potential tax savings from retiring at Penn National



State Income Tax Comparison - Mr. & Mrs. Penn National

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Annual Retiree Income

Part-Time Jobs	\$ 7,000
Interest Income	10,000
Dividend Income	10,000
Capital Gains (Long-term)	10,000
401(K)/IRA's	50,000
Social Security	25,000
Total Income	\$ 112,000

Example of retiree sources of income—
If you have mostly 401k income, the tax savings will be **greater!**

Projected Income Tax by State:

Example: Annual state taxes in PA are only ~\$1K vs. ~5K in NC

	Annual Taxes	Annual PA Advantage	Advantage Over 20 Years
Pennsylvania	\$ 1,136	\$ -	\$ -
Maryland (Montgomery Co.)	\$ 3,630	\$ 2,494	\$ 49,880
Maryland (Frederick Co.)	\$ 3,518	\$ 2,382	\$ 47,640
Delaware	\$ 1,604	\$ 468	\$ 9,360
North Carolina	\$ 4,862	\$ 3,726	\$ 74,520
Virginia	\$ 3,252	\$ 2,116	\$ 42,320

Projected State Taxes based on income breakdown

You could save \$50K in taxes over a 20 year period by retiring at Penn National – even more if most of your Retirement Income is from a 401k!