

AMAZON AND EMPTY STOREFRONTS

The Fiscal
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Impacts
of Online Retail

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Illinois: Essential Findings

In 2014, Amazon sold **\$1,834.5 million** worth of retail goods statewide, all while avoiding **\$36.1 million** in state and local sales taxes.

That is the equivalent of **1,289** retail storefronts, **4.5 million** square feet of commercial space, which might have paid **\$23.6 million** in property taxes.

A total of more than **\$59.8 million** in revenue lost to state and local governments, **\$12.51** for every household in Illinois.

Amazon also operated **1.7 million** square feet of distribution space in Illinois, employing roughly **3,431** workers.

Even counting all the jobs in Amazon distribution centers, Amazon sales produced a net loss of **7,802** retail jobs in Illinois.

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