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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