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Big Box Stores Don't Produce Big Tax Gains

So-called big box stores like Wal-Mart and Home Depot produce few tax revenues relative to their size, according to a presentation by [Peter Katz](#), Sarasota County, Fla. Director of **Smart Growth**.

The presentation, [picked up by various blogs](#), suggests that big box stores produce slightly more tax revenue per acre than a single-family home — not much considering how hard cities and counties try to lure big box retailers with tax incentives and other grants. Single family homes generate roughly \$8,200 per year, and big box stores about \$150 to \$200 more.

The presentation also shows that the highest tax-revenue — more than \$800,000 per acre — comes from a higher, mixed-use development, which makes sense because they are able to generate sales and property taxes in much less space.



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Stores such as Wal-Mart produce less tax revenue.

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