

# Business Class

## A rise in the decline

You may have caught a break on your income taxes in recent years, but what you pay the government each time you fly may be making up for it. A new study by researchers at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Daniel Webster College shows that the percentage of air fares that goes to Uncle Sam in the form of taxes and fees has been steadily rising for years. In recent years, the report states, more money has gone to the government from airline tickets because average ticket prices have fallen even as air fare tax rates have remained flat. (Keith Reed)

Overall,  
fares are  
falling ...

... but more  
of that  
money is  
going to  
Uncle Sam

