

## Tax Hiring at Corporate Tax Departments Down 28% during First 12 Months of Pandemic

	Monthly Hires	Previous Year	Percent Change
April, 2020	29	39	- 26%
May, 2020	15	39	- 62%
June, 2020	19	45	- 58%
July, 2020	21	41	- 49%
August, 2020	39	33	+18%
September, 2020	30	33	- 9%
October, 2020	29	31	- 6%
November, 2020	23	30	- 23%
December, 2020	31	29	+7%
January, 2021	32	56	- 43%
February, 2021	23	33	- 30%
March, 2021	25	35	- 29%
<b>12-Month Totals:</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>- 28%</b>

Hires of Experienced Professionals by Corporate Tax Departments in the Southeast region, including Florida, Georgia, Alabama, the Carolinas, Tennessee, Virginia and D.C. Metro. Excludes tax hires by public accounting and consulting firms. Based on employee's start date.

### Tax Departments in the News

Koch Industries, based in Wichita but with a large tax department in Atlanta, completed its acquisition of Infor Global Solutions, a leading enterprise software developer in Atlanta ... Honeywell relocated its headquarters from New Jersey to Charlotte and hired several local tax professionals ... Agro Merchants Group (cold storage) in Atlanta was acquired by Atlanta-based Americold ... Advance Auto Parts moved its headquarters from Roanoke to Raleigh ... Exide Technologies (battery maker) in Atlanta filed for bankruptcy and eliminated its tax department ... Norfolk Southern (4th largest U.S. railroad) is moving its headquarters from Norfolk to Atlanta where the company has begun staffing a tax department ... HD Supply (building materials), formerly a subsidiary of Home Depot, spun off its retail operations into a new company called White Cap, and the rest of the company was re-acquired by Home Depot ... Cott Beverages in Tampa acquired Primo (bottled water) and changed its corporate name to Primo Water Corporation ... Cree, Inc. (semiconductors) in Durham spun off its power and RF businesses into a new company called Wolfspeed ... Microsoft acquired land in midtown Atlanta to build a corporate campus and began hiring tax professionals on a remote basis ... 21st Center Oncology (cancer treatment centers) in Ft. Myers, Florida was acquired by GenesisCare, based in Australia.

### Tax Executive Appointments in the Region

ConnectWise in Tampa appointed Andy Meier as VP of Tax; he came from Ironman (World Triathlon Corporation) ... The Weather Channel in Atlanta named Andrew Light as Head of Global Tax; from PwC ... Ferguson Enterprises (plumbing supplies) in Norfolk hired Becky Dubois as VP of Tax; formerly with Markel Insurance in Richmond ... Rollins (parent of Orkin Pest Control) in Atlanta appointed Sherrie Ricker as Senior Director of Tax; came from Paradies Lagardere (airport shops and restaurants) ... She was replaced by Gregory Kirby, who came from Dura-Line in Knoxville ... Change Healthcare in Nashville and Atlanta named Meghan Kessell as VP of Tax; she was with Veritiv in Atlanta ... Krispy Kreme in Charlotte hired Joseph Esposito as Senior Director, Global Tax; from PwC ... RaceTrac Petroleum in Atlanta appointed Anna Paridee as Vice-President of Tax; from Deloitte ... Carnival Cruise Lines in Miami named Garrett Davidson as Senior Director, Global Tax; he relocated from EY in Atlanta ... CRH (parent of Oldcastle Building Materials) in Atlanta hired Tim George as VP Tax; he relocated from General Dynamics in DC Metro ... Diebold Nixdorf (POS systems) in Tampa appointed Tim Bianchi as Tax Director; from EY ... Intercontinental Exchange (parent of NYSE) in Atlanta named Lucy Bae as Tax Director, Federal Compliance; she came from SunTrust/Truist ... Newell Brands in Atlanta made two director-level appointments--Mark McCormick as Director of State and Indirect Tax; he was a retired partner at EY; and Holly Welborn as Tax Director, Americas; she came from Exide Technologies ... LabCorp in Burlington, NC hired Travis Howard as Tax Director; he moved from PwC in DC Metro ... MarineMax in Tampa named David Read as Director of Tax; from KPMG ... Oglethorpe Power in Atlanta appointed Kathryn Curtis as Tax Director; she had been at NCR ... Ridgemont Equity Partners in Charlotte named Curtis Jones as Tax Director; from KPMG ... Veritiv in Atlanta hired Todd Ciborowski as Vice-President-Tax; from PwC ... Prosperity Life Insurance in Richmond named Ummara Shan as Tax Director; she came from Genworth Financial ... Satellogic in Columbia, SC hired Maggie Bell as VP, Tax; from PwC ... Beeline Software in Jacksonville appointed Nader Farhat as Vice-President of Tax; he came from Adecco Staffing ... Pipedrive Software in Tampa named Dave Carls as VP of Tax; he had been with KnowBe4 (cybersecurity) ... Brink's Security in Richmond appointed Jeff Monday as Vice-President of Tax; he had been with HD Supply in Atlanta (acquired by Home Depot).