



STATE CIGARETTE EXCISE TAX RATES & RANKINGS

Average State Cigarette Tax: \$1.97 per pack

State	Tax	Rank
Alabama	\$0.675	41st
Alaska	\$2.00	20th
Arizona	\$2.00	20th
Arkansas	\$1.15	36th
California	\$2.87	13th
Colorado	\$2.24	17th
Connecticut	\$4.35	5th
Delaware	\$2.10	18th
DC	\$4.50	3rd
Florida	\$1.339	33rd
Georgia	\$0.37	50th
Hawaii	\$3.20	8th
Idaho	\$0.57	46th
Illinois	\$2.98	12th
Indiana	\$0.995	39th
Iowa	\$1.36	32nd
Kansas	\$1.29	34th
Kentucky	\$1.10	37th

State	Tax	Rank
Louisiana	\$1.08	38th
Maine	\$2.00	20th
Maryland	\$5.00	2nd
Massachusetts	\$3.51	6th
Michigan	\$2.00	20th
Minnesota	\$3.04	10th
Mississippi	\$0.68	40th
Missouri	\$0.17	51st
Montana	\$1.70	27th
Nebraska	\$0.64	42nd
Nevada	\$1.80	25th
New Hampshire	\$1.78	26th
New Jersey	\$2.70	14th
New Mexico	\$2.00	20th
New York	\$5.35	1st
North Carolina	\$0.45	48th
North Dakota	\$0.44	49th
Ohio	\$1.60	29th

State	Tax	Rank
Oklahoma	\$2.03	19th
Oregon	\$3.33	7th
Pennsylvania	\$2.60	15th
Rhode Island	\$4.50	3rd
South Carolina	\$0.57	46th
South Dakota	\$1.53	30th
Tennessee	\$0.62	43rd
Texas	\$1.41	31st
Utah	\$1.70	27th
Vermont	\$3.08	9th
Virginia	\$0.60	44th
Washington	\$3.025	11th
West Virginia	\$1.20	35th
Wisconsin	\$2.52	16th
Wyoming	\$0.60	44th
Puerto Rico	\$5.10	NA
Guam	\$4.00	NA
Northern Mariana Isl.	\$3.75	NA

Table shows all cigarette tax rates currently in effect. Since 2002, 48 states and the District of Columbia have increased their cigarette tax rates 146 times. The states in bold have not increased their tax in 10 years or more (in 2015 or earlier). Currently, 37 states, DC, Puerto Rico, Northern Mariana Islands, and Guam have cigarette tax rates of \$1.00 per pack or higher; 23 states, DC, Puerto Rico, Northern Mariana Islands, and Guam have cigarette tax rates of \$2.00 per pack or higher; ten states, DC, Puerto Rico, and Guam have cigarette tax rates of \$3.00 per pack or higher; four states, DC, Puerto Rico, and Guam have cigarette tax rates of \$4.00 per pack or higher; and two states (MD, NY) and Puerto Rico have cigarette tax rates of \$5.00 per pack or higher. States' average includes DC, but not Puerto Rico, other U.S. territories, or local cigarette taxes. The median tax rate is \$1.78 per pack. AK, MI, MN, MS, TX, and UT also have special taxes or fees on brands of manufacturers not participating in the state tobacco lawsuit settlements (NPMs).

The highest combined state-local tax rate is \$7.16 in Chicago, IL, with New York, NY second at \$6.85 per pack. Other high state-local rates include Evanston, IL at \$6.48 per pack, Glenwood Springs, CO at \$6.24 per pack, and Juneau, AK at \$5.00 per pack. For more information on local cigarette taxes, see: <http://tobaccofreekids.org/research/factsheets/pdf/0267.pdf>.

Federal cigarette tax is \$1.01 per pack. From the beginning of 1998 through 2023, the major cigarette companies increased the prices they charge by more than \$4.00 per pack (but also instituted aggressive retail-level discounting for competitive purposes and to reduce related consumption declines). In January 2003, Philip Morris instituted a 65-cent per pack price cut for four of its major brands, to replace its retail-level discounting and fight sales losses to discount brands, and R.J. Reynolds followed suit. **Nationally, estimated smoking-caused health care costs total \$20.52 per pack.**

The weighted average price for a pack of cigarettes nationwide is roughly \$9.74 (including statewide sales taxes but not local cigarette or sales taxes, other than NYC's \$1.50 per pack cigarette tax), with considerable state-to-state differences because of different state tax rates, and different manufacturer, wholesaler, and retailer pricing and discounting practices. AK, DE, MT, NH & OR have no state retail sales tax at all; OK has a state sales tax, but does not apply it to cigarettes; MN & DC apply a per-pack sales tax at the wholesale level; and AL, GA & MO (unlike the rest of the states) do not apply their state sales tax to that portion of retail cigarette prices that represents the state's cigarette excise tax.

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For additional information see the Campaign's website at <https://www.tobaccofreekids.org/fact-sheets/tobacco-taxes/tobacco-taxes>.

Sources: Orzechowski & Walker, *Tax Burden on Tobacco*, 2023; media reports; state revenue department websites.