



**CIGARETTE TAX INCREASES BY STATE PER YEAR 2000-2010**  
(As of August 3, 2010)

**Current Overall States' Cigarette Tax Average: \$1.45 per pack**

**Current Tobacco States' Cigarette Tax Average<sup>1</sup>: 48.5 cents per pack**

**Current Non-Tobacco States' Cigarette Tax Average: \$1.57 per pack**

| Year        | State          | Effective Date of Increase | Amount of Increase | Tax Rate After Increase |
|-------------|----------------|----------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>2010</b> | Guam           | 4/6/10                     | \$2.00             | \$3.00                  |
|             | Hawaii         | 7/1/10                     | 40 cents           | \$3.00                  |
|             | New Mexico     | 7/1/10                     | 75 cents           | \$1.66                  |
|             | New York       | 7/1/10                     | \$1.60             | \$4.35                  |
|             | South Carolina | 7/1/10                     | 50 cents           | 57 cents                |
|             | Utah           | 7/1/10                     | \$1.005            | \$1.70                  |
|             | Washington     | 5/1/10                     | \$1.00             | \$3.025                 |
| <b>2009</b> | Arkansas       | 3/1/09                     | 56 cents           | \$1.15                  |
|             | Connecticut    | 10/1/09                    | \$1.00             | \$3.00                  |
|             | Delaware       | 7/1/09                     | 45 cents           | \$1.60                  |
|             | Washington, DC | 10/1/09                    | 50 cents           | \$2.50                  |
|             | Florida        | 7/1/09                     | \$1.00             | \$1.339                 |
|             | Hawaii         | 7/1/09                     | 60 cents           | \$2.60                  |
|             | Kentucky       | 4/1/09                     | 30 cents           | 60 cents                |
|             | Mississippi    | 5/15/09                    | 50 cents           | 68 cents                |
|             | New Hampshire  | 7/1/09                     | 45 cents           | \$1.78                  |
|             | New Jersey     | 7/1/09                     | 12.5 cents         | \$2.70                  |
|             | North Carolina | 9/1/09                     | 10 cents           | 45 cents                |
|             | Pennsylvania   | 11/1/09                    | 25 cents           | \$1.60                  |
|             | Puerto Rico    | 6/1/09                     | \$1.00             | \$2.23                  |
|             | Rhode Island   | 4/10/09                    | \$1.00             | \$3.46                  |
|             | Vermont        | 7/1/09                     | 25 cents           | \$2.24                  |
| Wisconsin   | 9/1/09         | 75 cents                   | \$2.52             |                         |
| <b>2008</b> | Washington, DC | 10/1/08                    | \$1.00             | \$2.00                  |
|             | Hawaii         | 9/30/08                    | 20 cents           | \$2.00                  |
|             | Maryland       | 1/1/08                     | \$1.00             | \$2.00                  |
|             | Massachusetts  | 7/1/08                     | \$1.00             | \$2.51                  |
|             | New Hampshire  | 10/15/08                   | 25 cents           | \$1.33                  |
|             | New York       | 6/3/08                     | \$1.25             | \$2.75                  |
|             | Wisconsin      | 1/1/08                     | \$1.00             | \$1.77                  |
|             | Vermont        | 7/1/08                     | 20 cents           | \$1.99                  |
| <b>2007</b> | Alaska         | 7/1/07                     | 20 cents           | \$2.00                  |
|             | Connecticut    | 7/1/07                     | 49 cents           | \$2.00                  |
|             | Delaware       | 7/31/07                    | 60 cents           | \$1.15                  |
|             | Hawaii         | 9/30/07                    | 20 cents           | \$1.80                  |
|             | Iowa           | 3/15/07                    | \$1.00             | \$1.36                  |
|             | Indiana        | 7/1/07                     | 44 cents           | 99.5 cents              |
|             | New Hampshire  | 7/1/07                     | 28 cents           | \$1.08                  |
|             | South Dakota   | 1/1/07                     | \$1.00             | \$1.53                  |
|             | Tennessee      | 7/1/07                     | 42 cents           | 62 cents                |
|             | Texas          | 1/1/07                     | \$1.00             | \$1.41                  |
| <b>2006</b> | Alaska         | 7/1/06                     | 20 cents           | \$1.80                  |
|             | Arizona        | 12/8/06                    | 82 cents           | \$2.00                  |
|             | Hawaii         | 9/30/06                    | 20 cents           | \$1.60                  |
|             | New Jersey     | 7/15/06                    | 17.5 cents         | \$2.575                 |
|             | North Carolina | 7/1/06                     | 5 cents            | 35 cents                |
|             | Vermont        | 7/1/06                     | 60 cents           | \$1.79                  |

<sup>1</sup> Part of a multi-year series of cigarette tax increases all passed into law at the same time.

| Year          | State                | Effective Date of Increase | Amount of Increase | Tax Rate After Increase |
|---------------|----------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>2005</b>   | Alaska               | 1/1/05                     | 60 cents           | \$1.60                  |
|               | Colorado             | 1/1/05                     | 64 cents           | 84 cents                |
|               | Kentucky             | 6/1/05                     | 27 cents           | 30 cents                |
|               | Maine                | 9/19/05                    | \$1.00             | \$2.00                  |
|               | Minnesota            | 8/1/05                     | 75 cents           | \$1.23                  |
|               | Montana              | 1/1/05                     | \$1.00             | \$1.70                  |
|               | New Hampshire        | 7/1/05                     | 28 cents           | 80 cents                |
|               | North Carolina       | 9/1/05                     | 25 cents           | 30 cents                |
|               | Ohio                 | 7/1/05                     | 70 cents           | \$1.25                  |
|               | Oklahoma             | 1/1/05                     | 80 cents           | \$1.03                  |
|               | Virginia             | 7/1/05                     | 10 cents           | 30 cents                |
| Washington    | 7/1/05               | 60 cents                   | \$2.025            |                         |
| <b>2004</b>   | Alabama              | 5/18/04                    | 26 cents           | 42.5 cents              |
|               | Hawaii               | 7/1/04                     | 10 cents           | \$1.40                  |
|               | Michigan             | 7/1/04                     | 75 cents           | \$2.00                  |
|               | New Jersey           | 7/1/04                     | 35 cents           | \$2.40                  |
|               | Oregon <sup>2</sup>  | 1/1/04                     | -10 cents          | \$1.18                  |
|               | Pennsylvania         | 1/7/04                     | 35 cents           | \$1.35                  |
|               | Rhode Island         | 7/1/04                     | 75 cents           | \$2.46                  |
|               | Virginia             | 9/1/04                     | 17.5 cents         | 20 cents                |
| <b>2003</b>   | Arkansas             | 6/1/03                     | 25 cents           | 59 cents                |
|               | Connecticut          | 3/15/03                    | 40 cents           | \$1.51                  |
|               | Delaware             | 8/1/03                     | 31 cents           | 55 cents                |
|               | District of Columbia | 1/1/03                     | 35 cents           | \$1.00                  |
|               | Georgia              | 7/1/03                     | 25 cents           | 37 cents                |
|               | Hawaii               | 7/1/03                     | 10 cents           | \$1.30                  |
|               | Idaho                | 6/1/03                     | 29 cents           | 57 cents                |
|               | Kansas               | 1/1/03                     | 9 cents            | 79 cents                |
|               | Montana              | 5/1/03                     | 52 cents           | 70 cents                |
|               | Nevada               | 7/22/03                    | 45 cents           | 80 cents                |
|               | New Jersey           | 7/1/03                     | 55 cents           | \$2.05                  |
|               | New Mexico           | 7/1/03                     | 70 cents           | 91 cents                |
|               | Rhode Island         | 7/1/03                     | 39 cents           | \$1.71                  |
|               | South Dakota         | 3/24/03                    | 20 cents           | 53 cents                |
|               | Vermont              | 7/1/03                     | 26 cents           | \$1.19                  |
|               | West Virginia        | 5/1/03                     | 38 cents           | 55 cents                |
|               | Wyoming              | 7/1/03                     | 48 cents           | 60 cents                |
|               | Guam                 | 5/1/03                     | 93 cents           | \$1.75                  |
|               | <b>2002</b>          | Arizona                    | 11/26/02           | 60 cents                |
| Connecticut   |                      | 4/3/02                     | 61 cents           | \$1.11                  |
| Hawaii        |                      | 7/1/02                     | 20 cents           | \$1.20                  |
| Illinois      |                      | 7/1/02                     | 40 cents           | 98 cents                |
| Indiana       |                      | 7/1/02                     | 40 cents           | 55.5 cents              |
| Kansas        |                      | 7/1/02                     | 46 cents           | 70 cents                |
| Louisiana     |                      | 7/1/02                     | 12 cents           | 36 cents                |
| Maryland      |                      | 6/1/02                     | 34 cents           | \$1.00                  |
| Massachusetts |                      | 7/24/02                    | 75 cents           | \$1.51                  |
| Michigan      |                      | 8/1/02                     | 50 cents           | \$1.25                  |
| Nebraska      |                      | 10/1/02                    | 30 cents           | 64 cents                |
| New Jersey    |                      | 7/1/02                     | 70 cents           | \$1.50                  |
| New York      |                      | 4/3/02                     | 39 cents           | \$1.50                  |
| Ohio          |                      | 7/1/02                     | 31 cents           | 55 cents                |
| Oregon        |                      | 11/1/02                    | 60 cents           | \$1.28                  |
| Pennsylvania  |                      | 7/15/02                    | 69 cents           | \$1.00                  |
| Rhode Island  |                      | 7/1/02                     | 32 cents           | \$1.32                  |
| Tennessee     |                      | 7/15/02                    | 8 cents            | 20 cents                |
| Utah          |                      | 5/6/02                     | 18 cents           | 69.5 cents              |
| Vermont       |                      | 7/1/02                     | 49 cents           | 93 cents                |
| Washington    |                      | 1/1/02                     | 60 cents           | \$1.425                 |
| Puerto Rico   | 5/16/02              | 40 cents                   | \$1.23             |                         |

| Year | State        | Effective Date of Increase | Amount of Increase | Tax Rate After Increase |
|------|--------------|----------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| 2001 | Arkansas     | 7/1/01                     | 2.5 cents          | 34 cents                |
|      | Maine        | 10/1/01                    | 26 cents           | \$1.00                  |
|      | Rhode Island | 7/1/01                     | 29 cents           | \$1.00                  |
|      | Wisconsin    | 10/1/01                    | 18 cents           | 77 cents                |
| 2000 | Louisiana    | 7/1/00                     | 4 cents            | 24 cents                |
|      | New York     | 3/1/00                     | 55 cents           | \$1.11                  |

<sup>1</sup> Tobacco States include GA, KY, NC, SC, TN, and VA.

<sup>2</sup> Decrease was automatic termination of temporary 10-cent increase, pursuant to law passed in prior year.

Since the beginning of 2000, 47 states and the District of Columbia have passed more than 100 separate state cigarette tax increases. One state (NY) has a cigarette tax rate higher than \$4.00 per pack, five states and Guam have cigarette tax rates of \$3.00 or more, 14 states, DC, Guam, and Puerto Rico have cigarette tax rates of \$2.00 per pack or more, and 29 states, DC, Guam, and Puerto Rico now have tax rates of \$1.00 per pack or more. The federal cigarette tax rate is \$1.01 per pack.

Not reflected above are tax increases in U.S. territories or local governments – e.g., in 2002, NYC raised its cigarette tax by \$1.42 to \$1.50 per pack; Cook County, IL, which includes Chicago, increased its cigarette tax from 18 cents to \$1.00 per pack in 2004, and then by an additional \$1.00 in 2006, bringing its tax rate to \$2.00; and in 2005, Chicago raised its own cigarette tax from 16 to 48 cents per pack, and then by an additional 20 cents in 2006, bringing its tax rate to 68 cents – with the total state-local tax rate in Chicago now \$3.66 per pack. Three of the tax increases implemented in 2002 (AZ, OR, WA), three tax increases in 2005 (CO, MT, OK), and AZ's tax increases in 2006 and SD's tax increase in 2007 were passed by state voters. In many cases, the tax increases were proposed and supported by the state's governors, with strong bipartisan support.

**Sources:** Orzechowski & Walker, *Tax Burden on Tobacco*, 2009 [industry-funded annual report]. News clips.