



STATE CIGARETTE EXCISE TAX RATES & RANKINGS

Average State Cigarette Tax: \$1.88 per pack

State	Tax	Rank
Alabama	\$0.675	41st
Alaska	\$2.00	18th
Arizona	\$2.00	18th
Arkansas	\$1.15	36th
California	\$2.87	12th
Colorado	\$1.94	24th
Connecticut	\$4.35	2nd
Delaware	\$2.10	16th
DC	\$4.50	1st
Florida	\$1.339	33rd
Georgia	\$0.37	50th
Hawaii	\$3.20	7th
Idaho	\$0.57	46th
Illinois	\$2.98	11th
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	18th
Maryland	\$2.00	18th
Massachusetts	\$3.51	5th
Michigan	\$2.00	18th
Minnesota	\$3.04	9th
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	13th
New Mexico	\$2.00	18th
New York	\$4.35	2nd
North Carolina	\$0.45	48th
North Dakota	\$0.44	49th
Ohio	\$1.60	29th

State	Tax	Rank
Oklahoma	\$2.03	17th
Oregon	\$3.33	6th
Pennsylvania	\$2.60	14th
Rhode Island	\$4.25	4th
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	8th
Virginia	\$0.60	44th
Washington	\$3.025	10th
West Virginia	\$1.20	35th
Wisconsin	\$2.52	15th
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 effective January 1, 2021 (CO, OR on 1/1/2021). Since 2002, 48 states and the District of Columbia have increased their cigarette tax rates 141 times. The states in bold have not increased their tax for at least 10 years (since 2011 or earlier). Currently, 37 states, DC, Puerto Rico, Northern Mariana Islands, and Guam have cigarette tax rates of \$1.00 per pack or higher; 22 states, DC, Puerto Rico, Northern Mariana Islands, and Guam have cigarette tax rates of \$2.00 per pack or higher; nine states, DC, Puerto Rico, Northern Mariana Islands, and Guam have cigarette tax rates of \$3.00 per pack or higher; three states, DC, Puerto Rico, and Guam have cigarette tax rates of \$4.00 per pack or higher; and Puerto Rico has a cigarette tax rate higher than \$5.00. 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 Evanston, IL second at \$6.48 per pack.

Other high state-local rates include New York City at \$5.85 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 2002, the major cigarette companies increased the prices they charge by more than \$1.25 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. In the last several years, the major cigarette companies have increased their product prices by almost \$1.00 per pack. **Nationally, estimated smoking-caused health costs and lost productivity totals \$19.16 per pack.**

The weighted average price for a pack of cigarettes nationwide is roughly \$7.19 (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://tobaccofreekids.org/fact-sheets/tobacco-control-policies/tobacco-taxes>.

Sources: Orzechowski & Walker, *Tax Burden on Tobacco*, 2019; media reports; state revenue department websites.