Average State Cigarette Tax: $1.78 per Pack

Map shows state cigarette tax rates and state average in effect as of October 1, 2018 (DC effective 10/1/18). The states in bold have not increased their tax for at least 10 years (since 2008 or earlier). Currently, 36 states, DC, Puerto Rico, Northern Mariana Islands, and Guam have cigarette tax rates of $1.00 per pack or higher; 19 states, DC, Puerto Rico, Northern Mariana Islands, and Guam have cigarette tax rates of $2.00 per pack or higher; three states, DC, Puerto Rico, and Guam have cigarette tax rates of $3.00 per pack or higher; and Puerto Rico has a cigarette tax rate higher than $5.00. The state average listed above does not include any of the U.S. territories. Federal cigarette tax is $1.01 per pack. Not shown are the special taxes or fees some states place on cigarettes made by Non-Participating Manufacturers (NPMs), the companies that have not joined the Master Settlement Agreement (MSA) between the states and the major cigarette companies. Some local governments also have their own cigarette taxes, such as Chicago ($1.18), Cook County, IL ($3.00), New York City ($1.50), Philadelphia ($2.00), Aspen, CO ($3.00) and Juneau, AK ($3.00). Nationally, estimated smoking-caused health costs and lost productivity totals $19.16 per pack.

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For more information on state cigarette taxes and the benefits from increasing them, see https://tobaccofreekids.org/fact-sheets/tobacco-control-policies/tobacco-taxes.