



## STATE CIGARETTE TAX RATES & RANK, DATE OF LAST INCREASE, ANNUAL PACK SALES & REVENUES, AND RELATED DATA

44 states, DC, and Puerto Rico have implemented or passed more than 80 cigarette tax rate increases since January 1, 2002, with 20 of those states passing more than one increase during that time period. 6 states (in red) have not increased their tax since 1999 or before. As time passes, inflation erodes the real value of state tobacco tax rates and revenues, as they account for increasingly small portions of the total retail price of a pack of cigarettes. Cigarette tax increases can quickly restore state tobacco tax revenues to historical levels or higher – while also reducing state smoking levels and related costs and saving lives.

**Overall State Average: 118.4 cents per pack. Major Tobacco State Average: 33.5 cents per pack. Other State Average: 129.7 cents per pack.**

| State                      | Cigarette Tax Per Pack | National Rank (1 = high) | Date of Last State Tax Increase | FY 2007 Cigarette Pack Sales (millions) | FY 2007 Cigarette Tax Revenue (millions) | Retail Price Per Pack With All Taxes* | CDC State Smoking Costs Per Pack Sold | Adult Smokers | Youth Smoking Rate | Adult Smoking Rate | Adult Smoking Rank (1=low) |
|----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|---|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| <i>All State Avg/Total</i> | \$1.184                | ///                      | ///                             | 18.65 billion                           | \$14.5 billion                           | \$4.32                                | \$10.28                               | 44.2 million  | 20%                | 20.8%              | ///                        |
| Alabama                    | \$0.425                | 42nd                     | 5/18/2004                       | 369.0                                   | \$144.9                                  | \$3.43                                | \$8.97                                | 788,400       | 26.8%              | 22.5%              | 41st                       |
| Alaska                     | \$2.00                 | 6th                      | 7/1/2007                        | 35.5                                    | \$63.5                                   | \$5.81                                | \$7.89                                | 111,200       | <b>17.8%</b>       | 22.2%              | 39th                       |
| Arizona                    | \$2.00                 | 6th                      | 12/8/2006                       | 231.1                                   | \$351.4                                  | \$5.04                                | \$11.71                               | 924,400       | <b>22.2%</b>       | 19.8%              | 26th                       |
| Arkansas                   | \$0.59                 | 38th                     | 6/1/2003                        | 220.4                                   | \$122.1                                  | \$3.74                                | \$9.64                                | 478,000       | <b>20.7%</b>       | 22.4%              | 40th                       |
| <b>California</b>          | <b>\$0.87</b>          | <b>30th</b>              | <b>1/1/1999</b>                 | 1,157.9                                 | \$998.8                                  | \$4.15                                | \$15.10                               | 3,885,200     | 15.4%              | 14.3%              | 2nd                        |
| Colorado                   | \$0.84                 | 31st                     | 1/1/2005                        | 242.9                                   | \$202.1                                  | \$3.99                                | \$8.35                                | 686,000       | <b>18.7%</b>       | 18.7%              | 16th                       |
| Connecticut                | \$2.00                 | 6th                      | 7/1/2007                        | 176.9                                   | \$254.2                                  | \$5.21                                | \$14.31                               | 413,000       | <b>21.1%</b>       | 15.4%              | 3rd                        |
| Delaware                   | \$1.15                 | 24th                     | 7/31/2007                       | 158.1                                   | \$86.5                                   | \$3.91                                | \$4.09                                | 124,500       | <b>20.2%</b>       | 18.9%              | 17th                       |
| Washington, DC             | \$2.00                 | 6th                      | 10/1/2008                       | 22.2                                    | \$21.7                                   | \$5.25                                | \$22.04                               | 81,600        | <b>10.6%</b>       | 17.2%              | 12th                       |
| <b>Florida</b>             | <b>\$0.339</b>         | <b>46th</b>              | <b>7/1/1990</b>                 | 1,265.1                                 | \$422.8                                  | \$3.54                                | \$10.14                               | 2,742,000     | 14.5%              | 19.3%              | 20th                       |
| Georgia                    | \$0.37                 | 43rd                     | 7/1/2003                        | 605.5                                   | \$217.8                                  | \$3.53                                | \$9.02                                | 1,360,500     | <b>18.6%</b>       | 19.4%              | 23rd                       |
| Hawaii                     | \$2.00                 | 6th                      | 9/30/2008                       | 56.1                                    | \$88.8                                   | \$5.67                                | \$10.81                               | 169,600       | <b>12.8%</b>       | 17.0%              | 8th                        |
| Idaho                      | \$0.57                 | 39th                     | 6/1/2003                        | 85.9                                    | \$47.3                                   | \$3.72                                | \$7.84                                | 208,500       | <b>20.0%</b>       | 19.1%              | 19th                       |
| Illinois                   | \$0.98                 | 28th                     | 7/1/2002                        | 624.2                                   | \$602.4                                  | \$4.86                                | \$11.06                               | 1,940,300     | <b>19.9%</b>       | 20.1%              | 30th                       |
| Indiana                    | \$0.995                | 27th                     | 7/1/2007                        | 645.7                                   | \$354.1                                  | \$4.08                                | \$7.57                                | 1,146,800     | <b>22.5%</b>       | 24.1%              | 46th                       |
| Iowa                       | \$1.36                 | 20th                     | 3/15/2007                       | 227.6                                   | \$121.8                                  | \$4.39                                | \$8.04                                | 450,700       | <b>18.9%</b>       | 19.8%              | 26th                       |
| Kansas                     | \$0.79                 | 33rd                     | 1/1/2003                        | 146.6                                   | \$115.1                                  | \$3.99                                | \$11.66                               | 372,300       | <b>20.6%</b>       | 17.9%              | 14th                       |
| Kentucky                   | \$0.30                 | 47th                     | 6/1/2005                        | 597.0                                   | \$177.5                                  | \$2.90                                | \$5.07                                | 912,900       | <b>26.0%</b>       | 28.2%              | 51st                       |
| Louisiana                  | \$0.36                 | 44th                     | 7/1/2002                        | 371.6                                   | \$126.1                                  | \$3.47                                | \$8.82                                | 726,200       | <b>25%</b>         | 22.6%              | 42nd                       |
| Maine                      | \$2.00                 | 6th                      | 9/19/2005                       | 77.4                                    | \$153.0                                  | \$5.31                                | \$11.61                               | 209,600       | <b>14.0%</b>       | 20.2%              | 31st                       |
| Maryland                   | \$2.00                 | 6th                      | 1/1/2008                        | 271.0                                   | \$268.4                                  | \$5.24                                | \$13.92                               | 728,300       | <b>16.8%</b>       | 17.1%              | 10th                       |
| Massachusetts              | \$2.51                 | 3rd                      | 7/1/2008                        | 277.1                                   | \$417.6                                  | \$5.99                                | \$19.49                               | 822,700       | <b>17.7%</b>       | 16.4%              | 4th                        |
| Michigan                   | \$2.00                 | 6th                      | 7/1/2004                        | 555.6                                   | \$1,094.5                                | \$5.20                                | \$10.44                               | 1,608,800     | <b>18%</b>         | 21.1%              | 35th                       |
| Minnesota                  | \$1.504                | 18th                     | 8/1/2005                        | 273.7                                   | \$408.6                                  | \$4.24                                | \$8.85                                | 649,600       | 22.4%              | 16.5%              | 5th                        |
| <b>Mississippi</b>         | <b>\$0.18</b>          | <b>49th</b>              | <b>6/1/1985</b>                 | 258.3                                   | \$43.5                                   | \$3.41                                | \$8.37                                | 513,800       | <b>19.2%</b>       | 23.9%              | 45th                       |
| <b>Missouri</b>            | <b>\$0.17</b>          | <b>50th</b>              | <b>10/1/1993</b>                | 588.1                                   | \$97.0                                   | \$3.25                                | \$7.61                                | 1,091,100     | <b>23.8%</b>       | 24.5%              | 48th                       |

\* The price per pack includes all federal and statewide excise and sales taxes but not any purely local taxes (except that NY City's \$1.50 per pack tax is factored into the overall NY State price per pack), and is based on data from *The Tax Burden on Tobacco*, 2007, reports of state cigarette tax increases, and media reports on tobacco company price changes, USDA Economic Research Service. The starting price per pack data have been slightly adjusted downward because *The Tax Burden on Tobacco* does not completely account for retailer-based discounts, promotions, and coupons.

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|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|---|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| Montana               | \$1.70                 | 16th                     | 1/1/2005                        | 49.7                                    | \$82.1                                   | \$4.56                                | \$9.15                                | 143,900       | <b>20.0%</b>       | 19.5%              | 24th                       |
| Nebraska              | \$0.64                 | 35th                     | 10/1/2002                       | 106.2                                   | \$66.7                                   | \$3.67                                | \$9.64                                | 264,300       | 19.7%              | 19.9%              | 29th                       |
| Nevada                | \$0.80                 | 32nd                     | 7/22/2003                       | 163.5                                   | \$129.5                                  | \$3.95                                | \$8.92                                | 409,600       | <b>13.6%</b>       | 21.5%              | 36th                       |
| New Hampshire         | \$1.08                 | 25th                     | 7/1/2007                        | 173.1                                   | \$138.6                                  | \$3.91                                | \$5.07                                | 196,400       | <b>19.0%</b>       | 19.3%              | 20th                       |
| New Jersey            | \$2.575                | 2nd                      | 7/15/2006                       | 298.5                                   | \$764.5                                  | \$5.96                                | \$15.63                               | 1,132,300     | 15.8%              | 17.1%              | 10th                       |
| New Mexico            | \$0.91                 | 29th                     | 7/1/2003                        | 67.7                                    | \$61.3                                   | \$3.93                                | \$14.00                               | 305,600       | <b>24.2%</b>       | 20.8%              | 32nd                       |
| New York              | \$2.75                 | 1st                      | 6/3/2008                        | 622.7                                   | \$934.7                                  | \$6.52                                | \$21.91                               | 2,813,100     | <b>13.8%</b>       | 18.9%              | 17th                       |
| North Carolina        | \$0.35                 | 45th                     | 7/1/2006                        | 693.7                                   | \$235.0                                  | \$3.41                                | \$7.18                                | 1,567,100     | 22.5%              | 22.9%              | 43rd                       |
| <b>North Dakota</b>   | <b>\$0.44</b>          | <b>41st</b>              | <b>7/1/1993</b>                 | 48.2                                    | \$21.2                                   | \$3.44                                | \$10.48                               | 103,800       | <b>21.1%</b>       | 20.9%              | 33rd                       |
| Ohio                  | \$1.25                 | 22nd                     | 7/1/2005                        | 778.2                                   | \$955.2                                  | \$4.31                                | \$9.19                                | 2,013,100     | <b>21.6%</b>       | 23.1%              | 44th                       |
| Oklahoma              | \$1.03                 | 26th                     | 1/1/2005                        | 307.2                                   | \$201.6                                  | \$3.78                                | \$7.62                                | 701,100       | <b>23.2%</b>       | 25.8%              | 49th                       |
| Oregon                | \$1.18                 | 23rd                     | 1/1/2004                        | 205.2                                   | \$240.2                                  | \$3.95                                | \$11.16                               | 487,400       | <b>17.0%</b>       | 16.9%              | 7th                        |
| Pennsylvania          | \$1.35                 | 21st                     | 1/7/2004                        | 756.3                                   | \$1,013.4                                | \$4.29                                | \$11.53                               | 1,944,700     | 17.5%              | 21.0%              | 34th                       |
| Rhode Island          | \$2.46                 | 4th                      | 7/1/2004                        | 48.3                                    | \$117.4                                  | \$5.66                                | \$13.24                               | 140,200       | <b>15.1%</b>       | 17.0%              | 8th                        |
| <b>South Carolina</b> | <b>\$0.07</b>          | <b>51st</b>              | <b>7/1/1977</b>                 | 394.1                                   | \$26.6                                   | \$3.21                                | \$7.66                                | 733,100       | <b>17.8%</b>       | 21.9%              | 37th                       |
| South Dakota          | \$1.53                 | 17th                     | 1/1/2007                        | 45.7                                    | \$44.0                                   | \$4.20                                | \$9.47                                | 118,600       | <b>24.7%</b>       | 19.8%              | 26th                       |
| Tennessee             | \$0.62                 | 36th                     | 7/1/2007                        | 648.4                                   | \$127.1                                  | \$3.75                                | \$8.70                                | 1,138,500     | <b>25.5%</b>       | 24.3%              | 47th                       |
| Texas                 | \$1.41                 | 19th                     | 1/1/2007                        | 1,159.1                                 | \$993.7                                  | \$4.36                                | \$9.94                                | 3,335,200     | <b>21.1%</b>       | 19.3%              | 20th                       |
| Utah                  | \$0.695                | 34th                     | 5/6/2002                        | 83.8                                    | \$55.9                                   | \$3.80                                | \$7.71                                | 213,900       | <b>7.9%</b>        | 11.7%              | 1st                        |
| Vermont               | \$1.99                 | 14th                     | 7/1/2008                        | 34.0                                    | \$60.1                                   | \$5.17                                | \$10.05                               | 86,200        | <b>18.2%</b>       | 17.6%              | 13th                       |
| Virginia              | \$0.30                 | 47th                     | 7/1/2005                        | 581.3                                   | \$171.1                                  | \$3.49                                | \$6.27                                | 1,088,800     | 21.7%              | 18.5%              | 15th                       |
| Washington            | \$2.025                | 5th                      | 7/1/2005                        | 207.1                                   | \$417.6                                  | \$5.38                                | \$16.01                               | 828,500       | 15%                | 16.8%              | 6th                        |
| West Virginia         | \$0.55                 | 40th                     | 5/1/2003                        | 201.0                                   | \$106.1                                  | \$3.50                                | \$8.94                                | 383,200       | <b>27.6%</b>       | 26.9%              | 50th                       |
| Wisconsin             | \$1.77                 | 15th                     | 1/1/2008                        | 390.8                                   | \$296.1                                  | \$5.01                                | \$9.53                                | 838,900       | <b>20.5%</b>       | 19.6%              | 25th                       |
| Wyoming               | \$0.60                 | 37th                     | 7/1/2003                        | 42.7                                    | \$24.1                                   | \$3.59                                | \$12.23                               | 87,800        | <b>20.8%</b>       | 22.1%              | 38th                       |
| USA/U.S. Gov't        | \$0.39                 | ///                      | 1/1/2002                        | 18.65 billion                           | \$7.3 billion                            | \$4.02                                | \$10.28                               | 44.2 million  | 20%                | 20.8%              | ///                        |

Sources: CDC, *State Highlights 2006*. See also, U.S. General Accounting Office (GAO), "CDC's April 2002 Report on Smoking: Estimates of Selected Health Consequences of Cigarette Smoking Were Reasonable," letter to U.S. Rep. Richard Burr, July 16, 2003, <http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d03942r.pdf>. Orzechowski & Walker, *Tax Burden on Tobacco*, 2007. Smoking costs per pack sold = CDC estimates of state smoking-caused health costs and lost productivity per taxed packs sold in each state in 2001. *Adult smoking*. State rate from U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), 2007, <http://apps.nccd.cdc.gov/brfss/list.asp?cat=TU&yr=2007&qkey=4396&state=All>; Nationwide rate from National Health Interview Survey (NHIS), 2006; CDC, "Tobacco Use Among Adults – United States, 2006," *MMWR* 56(44), November 9, 2007, <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5644a2.htm>; Youth smoking rates most recent available; national youth rate from the Youth Risk Behavioral Surveillance (YRBS); state rates in bold type from the YRBS; in italics from state-specific surveys; and in regular type from Youth Tobacco Surveillance (YTS). OR data are for 11<sup>th</sup> grade only. WA data are for 10<sup>th</sup> grade only. Because of different surveys and years, youth-smoking rankings cannot be done. From the start of 1998 to the end of 2001, the major cigarette companies increased their prices by more than \$1.25 per pack. Major tobacco states are KY, VA, NC, SC, GA, TN. State averages do not include Puerto Rico (which is larger than more than 20 states & DC, based on population). Taxed Pack Sales include all cigarette sales on which cigarette taxes were collected. Total USA pack sales include sales of cigarettes on which federal but not state taxes are collected (e.g., sales to Indian Tribes and military bases) and includes sales in Puerto Rico and other U.S. territories not listed above. Cigarette prices include federal and state cigarette taxes and state sales taxes but not local cigarette or sales taxes (unless they are uniform throughout the state), except for New York City, which contains roughly half the population of NY State and increased its local tax from 8 cents to \$1.50 per pack 7/1/02. AK, DE, MT, NH & OR have no state sales tax; CO, MN, & OK has a sales tax but it does not apply to cigarettes; and AL, GA & MO do not apply their sales tax to the portion of retail cigarette prices that is the state's cigarette excise tax.