



STATE CIGARETTE TAX INCREASES SINCE JANUARY 1, 2002 (With Political Party of Sitting Governor & Legislature)

Since the beginning of 2002, 46 states and the District of Columbia have passed 88 separate state cigarette tax increases.¹ Support for tax increases has been strong and bipartisan, with 40 of the state cigarette tax increases being signed into law by a Republican governor and 36 by a Democratic governor.² Similarly, 20 were passed by a Republican controlled legislature, 35 by a Democratic controlled legislature, and 20 by state legislatures where the control of the state houses was split between the parties. The average size of these state cigarette tax increases was 56 cents per pack.

The table below details the state cigarette tax increases since January 1, 2002 and the political party of the governor and the legislature, listed from the largest state cigarette tax increases to the smallest. States marked with asterisks passed multi-year increases in a single piece of legislation.

State	Final Tax Rate (Per Pack)	Increase Amount	Effective Date	Political Party Governor	Political Party Legislature (House/Senate)
1. New York	\$2.75	\$1.25	6/3/08	Democratic	Democratic/Republican
2. Florida	\$1.339	\$1.00	7/1/09	Republican	Republican/Republican
3. Rhode Island	\$3.46	\$1.00	4/10/09	Republican	Democratic/Democratic
4. Massachusetts	\$2.51	\$1.00	7/1/08	Democratic	Democratic/Democratic
5. Washington, DC ³	\$2.00	\$1.00	10/1/08	Democratic	Democratic
6. Maryland	\$2.00	\$1.00	1/1/08	Democratic	Democratic/Democratic
7. Wisconsin	\$1.77	\$1.00	1/1/08	Democratic	Republican/Democratic
8. Iowa	\$1.36	\$1.00	3/15/07	Democratic	Democratic/Democratic
9. Texas	\$1.41	\$1.00	1/1/07	Republican	Republican/Republican
10. South Dakota	\$1.53	\$1.00	1/1/07	Republican	Republican/Republican
11. Maine	\$2.00	\$1.00	9/19/05	Democratic	Democratic/Democratic
12. Montana	\$1.70	\$1.00	1/1/05	Democratic	Democratic/Democratic
13. Arizona	\$2.00	\$0.82	12/8/06	Democratic	Republican/Republican
14. Oklahoma	\$1.03	\$0.80	1/1/05	Democratic	Republican/Democratic
15. Minnesota	\$1.23	\$0.75	8/1/05	Republican	Republican/Democratic
16. Rhode Island	\$2.46	\$0.75	7/1/04	Republican	Democratic/Democratic
17. Michigan	\$2.00	\$0.75	7/1/04	Democratic	Republican/Republican
18. Massachusetts	\$1.51	\$0.75	7/24/02	Republican	Democratic/Democratic
19. Ohio	\$1.25	\$0.70	7/1/05	Republican	Republican/Republican
20. New Jersey	\$1.50	\$0.70	7/1/02	Democratic	Democratic/Split
21. New Mexico	\$0.91	\$0.70	7/1/03	Democratic	Democratic/Democratic
22. Pennsylvania	\$1.00	\$0.69	7/15/02	Republican	Republican/Republican
23. Colorado	\$0.84	\$0.64	1/1/05	Republican	Democratic/Democratic
24. Connecticut	\$1.11	\$0.61	4/3/02	Republican	Democratic/Democratic
25. Hawaii*	\$2.60 ³	\$0.60 + \$0.20 + \$0.20	7/1/09, 7/1/10, 7/1/11	Republican	Democratic/Democratic
26. Alaska*	\$2.00	\$0.60 + \$0.20 + \$0.20	1/1/05, 7/1/06, 7/1/07	Republican	Republican/Republican
27. Vermont*	\$1.99	\$0.60 + \$0.20	7/1/06, 7/1/08	Republican	Democratic/Republican
28. Delaware	\$1.15	\$0.60	7/31/07	Democratic	Republican/Democratic

¹ Some of the separate cigarette tax increases were part of multi-year increases that were passed all at the same time in a single piece of legislation.

² The listed cigarette tax increases for WA in 2002, OR, AZ, CO, MT, and OK in 2005, and AZ and SD in 2006 were passed or confirmed by the states' voters in a ballot question.

³ HI's rate after 7/1/2009. The two 20-cent increases will go into effect 7/1/2010 and 7/1/2011.

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29. Washington	\$2.025	\$0.60	7/1/05	Democratic	Democratic/Democratic
30. Washington	\$1.425	\$0.60	1/1/02	Democratic	Democratic/Democratic
31. Oregon	\$1.28	\$0.60	11/1/02	Democratic	Republican/Republican
32. Arizona	\$1.18	\$0.60	11/26/02	Republican	Republican/Split
33. Arkansas	\$1.15	\$0.56	3/1/09	Democratic	Democratic/Democratic
34. New Jersey	\$2.05	\$0.55	7/1/03	Democratic	Democratic/Split
35. Montana	\$0.70	\$0.52	5/1/03	Republican	Republican/Republican
36. Mississippi	\$0.68	\$0.50	5/15/09	Republican	Democratic/Democratic
37. Michigan	\$1.25	\$0.50	8/1/02	Republican	Republican/Republican
38. Vermont*	\$1.19	\$0.49 + \$0.26	7/1/02, 7/1/03	Democratic	Republican/Democratic
39. Connecticut	\$2.00	\$0.49	7/1/07	Republican	Democratic/Democratic
40. Wyoming	\$0.60	\$0.48	7/1/03	Democratic	Republican/Republican
41. Kansas*	\$0.79	\$0.46 + \$0.09	7/1/02, 1/1/03	Republican	Republican/Republican
42. Nevada	\$0.80	\$0.45	7/22/03	Republican	Democratic/Republican
43. Indiana	\$0.995	\$0.44	7/1/07	Republican	Democratic/Republican
44. Tennessee	\$0.62	\$0.42	7/1/07	Democratic	Democratic/Split
45. Connecticut	\$1.51	\$0.40	3/15/03	Republican	Democratic/Democratic
46. Puerto Rico	\$1.23	\$0.40	5/16/02	Other Party	Other Party
47. Illinois	\$0.98	\$0.40	7/1/02	Republican	Democratic/Republican
48. Indiana	\$0.555	\$0.40	7/1/02	Democratic	Democratic/Republican
49. Rhode Island	\$1.71	\$0.39	7/1/03	Republican	Democratic/Democratic
50. New York	\$1.50	\$0.39	4/3/02	Republican	Democratic/Republican
51. West Virginia	\$0.55	\$0.38	5/1/03	Democratic	Democratic/Democratic
52. New Jersey	\$2.40	\$0.35	7/1/04	Democratic	Democratic/Democratic
53. Pennsylvania	\$1.35	\$0.35	1/7/04	Republican	Republican/Republican
54. Washington, DC ⁴	\$1.00	\$0.35	1/1/03	Democratic	Democratic
55. Maryland	\$1.00	\$0.34	6/1/02	Democratic	Democratic/Democratic
56. Rhode Island	\$1.32	\$0.32	7/1/02	Republican	Democratic/Democratic
57. Delaware	\$0.55	\$0.31	8/1/03	Democratic	Republican/Democratic
58. Ohio	\$0.55	\$0.31	7/1/02	Republican	Republican/Republican
59. Nebraska	\$0.64	\$0.30	10/1/02	Republican	Non-partisan
60. Kentucky	\$0.60	\$0.30	4/1/2009	Democratic	Democratic/Republican
61. Idaho	\$0.57	\$0.29	6/1/03	Republican	Republican/Republican
62. New Hampshire	\$1.08	\$0.28	7/1/07	Democratic	Democratic/Democratic
63. New Hampshire	\$0.80	\$0.28	7/1/05	Democratic	Republican/Republican
64. Kentucky	\$0.30	\$0.27	6/1/05	Republican	Democratic/Republican
65. Alabama	\$0.425	\$0.26	5/18/04	Republican	Democratic/Democratic
66. North Carolina*	\$0.35	\$0.25+\$0.05	9/1/05, 7/1/06	Democratic	Democratic/Democratic
67. New Hampshire	\$1.33	\$0.25	10/15/08	Democratic	Democratic/Democratic
68. Arkansas	\$0.59	\$0.25	6/1/03	Republican	Democratic/Democratic
69. Georgia	\$0.37	\$0.25	7/1/03	Republican	Democratic/Republican
70. Hawaii*	\$2.00	\$0.20 +\$0.20 + \$0.20	9/30/06-9/30/08	Republican	Democratic/Democratic
71. Hawaii*	\$1.40	\$0.20 + \$0.10 + \$0.10	7/1/02, 7/1/03, 7/1/04	Democratic	Democratic/Democratic
72. South Dakota	\$0.53	\$0.20	3/24/03	Republican	Republican/Republican
73. Utah	\$0.695	\$0.18	5/6/02	Republican	Republican/Republican
74. Virginia*	\$0.30	\$0.175 + \$0.10	9/1/04, 7/1/05	Democratic	Republican/Republican
75. New Jersey	\$2.575	\$0.175	7/15/06	Democratic	Democratic/Democratic
76. Louisiana	\$0.36	\$0.12	7/1/02	Republican	Democratic/Democratic

⁴ DC has a Democratic Mayor and Democratic City Council.

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77. Tennessee	\$0.20	\$0.08	7/15/02	Republican	Democratic/Democratic

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For more information on state cigarette taxes, see the Campaign website at <http://tobaccofreekids.org/reports/prices> and <http://tobaccofreekids.org/research/factsheets/index.php?CategoryID=18>.