Average State Cigarette Tax: $1.93 per Pack

Map shows state cigarette tax rates and state average currently in effect. The states in bold have not increased their tax in more than 10 years (before 2013). 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; ten 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 New York and Puerto Rico have cigarette tax rates 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 ($3.30), Eagle County, CO ($4.00), and Juneau, AK ($3.00). Nationally, estimated smoking-caused health care costs total $20.52 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.