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Where Do We Stand?

Tobacco control advocates say increased taxes on tobacco products are an effective way to help people decide to quit smoking. There are federal taxes on tobacco as well as taxes for each state.

Directions: Use the chart to answer the questions below.

State Cigarette Tax Rates and Rankings

State	Tax	Rank
Alabama	\$0.425	42nd
Alaska	\$2.00	6th
Arizona	\$2.00	6th
Arkansas	\$0.59	38th
California	\$0.87	30th
Colorado	\$0.84	31st
Connecticut	\$2.00	6th
Delaware	\$1.15	24th
DC*	\$2.00	6th
Florida	\$0.339	46th
Georgia	\$0.37	43rd
Hawaii**	\$2.00	6th
Idaho	\$0.57	39th
Illinois	\$0.98	28th
Indiana	\$0.995	27th
Iowa	\$1.36	20th
Kansas	\$0.79	33rd
Kentucky	\$0.30	47th

State	Tax	Rank
Louisiana	\$0.36	44th
Maine	\$2.00	6th
Maryland	\$2.00	6th
Massachusetts	\$2.51	3rd
Michigan	\$2.00	6th
Minnesota†	\$1.49	18th
Mississippi	\$0.18	49th
Missouri	\$0.17	50th
Montana	\$1.70	16th
Nebraska	\$0.64	35th
Nevada	\$0.80	32nd
New Hampshire	\$1.08	25th
New Jersey	\$2.58	2nd
New Mexico	\$0.91	29th
New York	\$2.75	1st
North Carolina	\$0.35	45th
North Dakota	\$0.44	41st
Ohio	\$1.25	22nd

State	Tax	Rank
Oklahoma	\$1.03	26th
Oregon	\$1.18	23rd
Pennsylvania	\$1.35	21st
Rhode Island	\$2.46	4th
South Carolina	\$0.07	51st
South Dakota	\$1.53	17th
Tennessee	\$0.62	36th
Texas	\$1.41	19th
Utah	\$0.695	34th
Vermont	\$1.99	14th
Virginia	\$0.30	47th
Washington	\$2.025	5th
West Virginia	\$0.55	40th
Wisconsin	\$1.77	15th
Wyoming	\$0.60	37th
Puerto Rico	\$1.23	NA
Guam	\$1.00	NA
Northern Marianas	\$1.75	NA

* Effective October 1, 2008.

** Effective September 30, 2008

† Tax stamp includes \$0.75 health impact fee and \$0.26 cigarette sales tax

States in bold type have not increased their cigarette taxes since 1999 or earlier.

Chart courtesy of the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, www.tobaccofreekids.org/research/factsheets/pdf/0097.pdf

- How much of a tax does our state put on a pack of cigarettes? \$ _____
- What is your state's ranking? _____ What does that ranking tell you? _____
- Which state's tax can be rounded up to 70 cents? _____
- Which state has the highest tax? _____ the lowest? _____
- Which state has a tax that went into effect on Sept. 30, 2008? _____