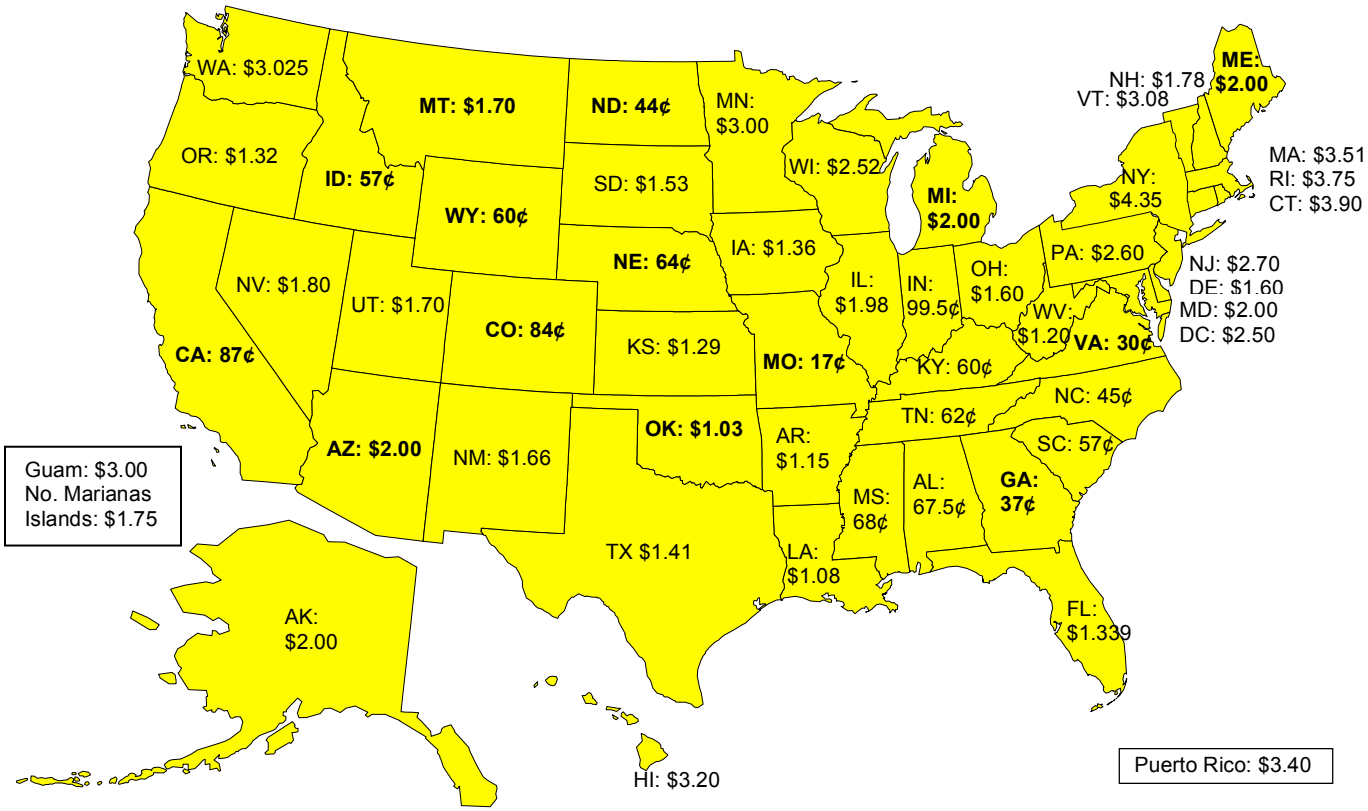
MAP OF STATE CIGARETTE TAX RATES

Average State Cigarette Tax: $1.65 per Pack

Average Cigarette Tax in Major Tobacco States: 48.5 cents per Pack

Average Cigarette Tax in Non-Tobacco States: $1.80 per Pack



Map shows state cigarette tax rates in effect as of August 1, 2016 (PA effective 8/1/16). The states in bold have not increased their tax for at least 10 years (since 2006 or earlier). Currently, 34 states, DC, Puerto Rico, the Northern Marianas, and Guam have cigarette tax rates of $1.00 per pack or higher; 16 states, DC, Puerto Rico, and Guam have cigarette tax rates of $2.00 per pack or higher; eight states, Puerto Rico, and Guam have cigarette tax rates of $3.00 per pack or higher; and one state (NY) has a cigarette tax rate more than $4.00 per pack. The state averages listed above do not include Puerto Rico (with a population larger than those in more than 20 states and DC) or any of the U.S. territories (such as Guam). The major tobacco states with extensive tobacco farming and, often, cigarette manufacturing, are NC, KY, VA, SC, TN, & GA. 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), 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 http://www.tobaccofreekids.org/facts_issues/fact_sheets/policies/tax/us_state_local/.

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