



Cigarette Tax

- The average price for a pack of cigarettes nationwide is roughly \$5.33 (including statewide sales taxes but not local cigarette or sales taxes. (This data was compiled by Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids).

The highest state tax on cigarettes is New York with \$4.35

Second is Rhode Island with \$3.46 tax on cigarettes

Pennsylvania rated 20th with \$1.60 tax on cigarettes

- As stated by Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, “every state that has significantly increased its cigarette tax has enjoyed substantial increases in revenue, even while reducing smoking. These funds have helped states balance budgets and fund essential services like health care, education and tobacco prevention programs. Cigarette tax increases are a reliable source of revenue for states.
- According to Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, “Every 10% increase in the price of cigarettes will reduce youth smoking by about 7% and overall cigarette consumption by about 4%.
- It is clear from in-state evidence that state cigarette tax increases are prompting many smokers to quit or cutback. It is also clear that these efforts to quit by smokers after tax increases translate directly into lower future smoking rates.(www.TFK.org)
- “The general consensus is that every 10% increase in the real price of cigarette reduces overall cigarette consumption by approximately 3-5% , reduces the number of young-adult smokers by 3.5%, and reduces the number of kids who smoke by 6 or 7 %,” as reviewed by Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids.
- The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that smoking-caused health costs total \$10.47 per pack of cigarettes sold and consumed in the United States.

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