

# 2009 Sales Tax Rate Report

## Sales Tax Rate Changes 2000-2009

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
State Rate Changes	1	5	5	5	4	4	5	1	5	9 <sup>2</sup>
County Rate Changes	96	116	186	155	194	147	119	127	294	223
City Rate Changes	240	323	291	303	299	327	326	334	354	349
Transit Tax Changes	7	48	57	15	30	37	37	7	71	86
New Taxing States	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Taxing Counties	37	50	35	107	32	26	53	19	15	12
New Taxing Cities	128	205	148	342	175	160	118	178	200	105
New Transit Taxes	21	24	13	27	30	58	65	73	109	66
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>771</b>	<b>735</b>	<b>954</b>	<b>764</b>	<b>759</b>	<b>723</b>	<b>739</b>	<b>1048<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>850</b>

Source: Vertex Inc. of Berwyn, Pa.  
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**2009 Sales Tax Rate Changes**  
 (total number of increases, decreases and new rates)

<i>Years</i>	<u>State</u>			<u>County</u>			<u>City</u>			<u>District</u>			<u>Sub Totals</u>		<u>Total</u>
	Increases	Decreases	New	Increases	Decreases	New	Increases	Decreases	New	Increases	Decreases	New	Changes	New	
2000	0	1	0	78	18	37	211	29	128	0	7	21	344	186	<b>530</b>
2001	3	2	0	91	25	50	287	36	205	48	0	24	492	279	<b>771</b>
2002	5	0	0	155	31	35	249	42	148	47	10	13	539	196	<b>735</b>
2003	5	0	0	134	21	107	260	43	342	13	2	27	478	476	<b>954</b>
2004	3	1	0	111	83	32	243	56	175	10	20	30	527	237	<b>764</b>
2005	1	3	0	120	27	26	288	39	160	32	5	58	515	244	<b>759</b>
2006	2	3	0	93	26	53	287	39	118	7	30	65	487	236	<b>723</b>
2007	1	0	0	101	26	19	307	27	178	6	1	73	469	270	<b>739</b>
2008	4	1	0	70	224	15	307	47	200	52	19	109	724	324	<b>1048<sup>1</sup></b>
2009	9 <sup>2</sup>	0	0	101	122	12	286	63	105	79	7	66	667	183	<b>850</b>

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## Summary of Average U.S. Sales Tax Rates 1990-2009

<b>Year</b>	<b>State Avg. Rate</b>	<b>County Avg. Rate</b>	<b>City Avg. Rate</b>	<b>Combined Avg. Rate</b>
1990	4.945	1.339	1.528	7.812
1991	5.021	1.304	1.540	7.865
1992	5.068	1.378	1.561	8.007
1993	5.090	1.406	1.604	8.100
1994	5.125	1.415	1.606	8.146
1995	5.120	1.437	1.613	8.170
1996	5.130	1.494	1.593	8.217
1997	5.130	1.507	1.611	8.248
1998	5.109	1.519	1.623	8.251
1999	5.135	1.543	1.553	8.231
2000	5.128	1.551	1.556	8.235
2001	5.151	1.565	1.560	8.276
2002	5.217	1.607	1.572	8.396
2003	5.326	1.631	1.575	8.532
2004	5.318	1.653	1.585	8.556
2005	5.282	1.678	1.589	8.549
2006	5.302	1.685	1.592	8.579
2007	5.330	1.675	1.568	8.573
2008	5.377	1.629	1.568	8.574
2009	5.468	1.629	1.532	8.629

**Note: Averages are based on jurisdictions that impose a sales tax.**  
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- Seven states and one District had increased rates in 2009:
  - California increased from 6.25% to 7.25%
  - Delaware increased from 1.536% to 1.920% (this is a rental tax increase only)
  - Minnesota increased from 6.5% to 6.875%
  - North Carolina increased from 4.5% to 5.75% (NC changed their rate twice in 2009)
  - Utah increased from 4.65% to 4.7%
  - Nevada increased from 4.25% to 4.6%
  - District of Columbia increased from 5.75% to 6%
  
- California has the highest sales tax rate at 7.25%. Indiana, Mississippi, New Jersey, Rhode Island, and Tennessee have the second highest sales tax rates at 7%
  - The average states sales tax rate is 5.468%
  
- Catawba Indian Reservation, Lancaster County, SC has the highest city sales tax rate at 8%, and Wrangell, Alaska follows at 7%.
  - The average city sales tax rate is 1.532%.
  
- Arab in Cullman County, Alabama has the highest combined sales tax rate of 12%.
  - The average combined rate is 8.629%.
  
- Since 2000, there have been 2,631 new sales and use taxes, an average of 263 per year.
- Since 2000, there have been 5,242 sales and use tax changes, an average of 524 per year.
- The combined number of new and changed sales and use tax rates since 2000 is 7,873 an average of 787 per year.

**Note:**

<sup>1</sup> The 2008 report shows a large increase of rate changes in 2008 compared to prior years primarily due to the changes made in the state of Iowa. Effective July 1, 2008, Iowa instituted a rate change and with the expiration of their School Infrastructure Local Option (SILO) tax, most of the taxing counties in Iowa were directly impacted causing an increase in the county decrease data figures as taxes were shifted from the County to the State level.

<sup>2</sup> The report reflects 9 states increasing their sales tax rate in 2009. In addition to the District of Columbia, the figure includes seven states: California, Delaware, Minnesota, Massachusetts, North Carolina, Utah, and Nevada. The state of North Carolina increased their rate twice throughout the year, which accounts for the ninth state increase.

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