

**Table 15. Comparison of State/Local Retail Sales Taxes - 2008**

State	Food Items [1]		Maximum	
	Taxable (T) Exempt (E)	State Rate	Local Rate [2]	Maximum State/Local Rate [2]
Arkansas	T**	6.00	5.00	11.00
Oklahoma	T	4.50	6.00	10.50
Louisiana	E [3]	4.00	6.25	10.25
Tennessee	T**	7.00	2.75	9.75
Arizona	E [3]	5.60	4.00	9.60
New York	E	4.00	5.50	9.50
Illinois	T**	6.25	3.00	9.25
Missouri	T**	4.225	4.875	9.10
Alabama	T**	4.00	5.00	9.00
WASHINGTON	E	6.50	2.5 [5]	9.00
California	E	7.25	1.50	8.75
Texas	E	6.25	2.00	8.25
Colorado	E	2.90	5.30	8.20
Kansas	T*	5.30	2.75	8.05
Utah	T**	4.65	3.35	8.00
Georgia	E [3]	4.00	4.00	8.00
Idaho	T*	6.00	2.00	8.00
South Carolina	T**	6.00	2.00	8.00
New Mexico	E	5.00	2.813	7.813
Nevada	E	6.50	1.25	7.75
Florida	E	6.00	1.50	7.50
Ohio	E	5.50	2.00	7.50
Minnesota	E	6.50	1.00	7.50
North Dakota	E	5.00	2.50	7.50
Mississippi	T	7.00	0.25	7.25
North Carolina	E [3]	4.25	3.00	7.25
Alaska	T	---	7.00 [4]	7.00
Indiana	E	7.00	---	7.00
Iowa	E	6.00	1.00	7.00
Nebraska	E	5.50	1.50	7.00
Pennsylvania	E	6.00	1.00	7.00
Rhode Island	E	7.00	---	7.00
Vermont	E	6.00	1.00	7.00
New Jersey	E	7.00	---	7.00
Connecticut	E	6.00	---	6.00
Kentucky	E	6.00	---	6.00
Maryland	E	6.00	---	6.00
Michigan	E	6.00	---	6.00
South Dakota	T*	4.00	2.00	6.00
West Virginia	T**	6.00	---	6.00
Wyoming	E*	4.00	2.00	6.00
District of Columbia	E	5.75	---	5.75
Wisconsin	E	5.00	0.60	5.60
Virginia	T**	5.00	---	5.00
Maine	E	5.00	---	5.00
Massachusetts	E	5.00	---	5.00
Hawaii	T*	4.00	0.50	4.50

[1] Food products purchased for consumption off-premises of the seller.

[2] Highest local rate known to be actually levied by at least one jurisdiction. Includes local taxes for general purposes and those earmarked for specific purposes (e.g. transit). Taxes applying only to specified sales (e.g. lodging or meals) are excluded.

[3] Food products are exempt from state tax, but subject to local taxes.

[4] Alaskan cities and boroughs may levy local sales taxes ranging from 1% to 7%.

[5] Effective April 1, 2008.

\* Income tax credit allowed to offset sales tax on food.

\*\* Food taxed at lower rate.

Source: "State Tax Guide," Commerce Clearing House, Inc.; Federation of Tax Administrators.