

## **TAXED ENOUGH ALREADY - WHY WE OPPOSE THIS TAX INCREASE**

- **EXTREME** - We have one of the HIGHEST tax rates in the nation already, and this increase will place us in the top 1% of citizens paying the highest tax rates. If passed tax rates will be:
  - Coweta – 10.3%
  - Wagoner – 10.3%
  - Broken Arrow – 9.85%
- **EXPENSIVE** – Will cost an average of \$104/person –\$416 for a family of 4. (Source: FY 2023 Oklahoma Revenue & Apportionment Report – total collections of state tax \$3,798,881,293 divided by 4.5% = 884,195,843 per percent; divided by population of 4,053,824 = \$208/1% per person; 0.5% = \$104/person annually).
- **EXCESSIVE** – This is 40% increase in sales tax collected by Wagoner County (.5%/1.3%) - Funds freed by the proposed jail trust could be used to fund the other proposals, but applying those funds is not proposed - they just ask for more - Typical tax and spend!
- **ECONOMY** – Our local economy will be hurt as citizens shop in nearby Tulsa County to save up to 1.9% on their purchases (Coweta 10.3% - Broken Arrow (Tulsa County) 8.4%)
- **EGREGIOUSLY UNFAIR** - This election was sprung on people with very little warning. The special election process makes it easy for special interests to push through tax increases while most voters have no idea that this is happening.

**Additionally, Oklahoma is only one of four states that tax groceries at a full rate.** The map below was produced in 2019 – the states in green taxed groceries fully. Now, Kansas and Virginia are phasing out the tax. Additionally, Alabama and Tennessee have reduced the rate on groceries. Currently, of 45 states that have a sales tax:

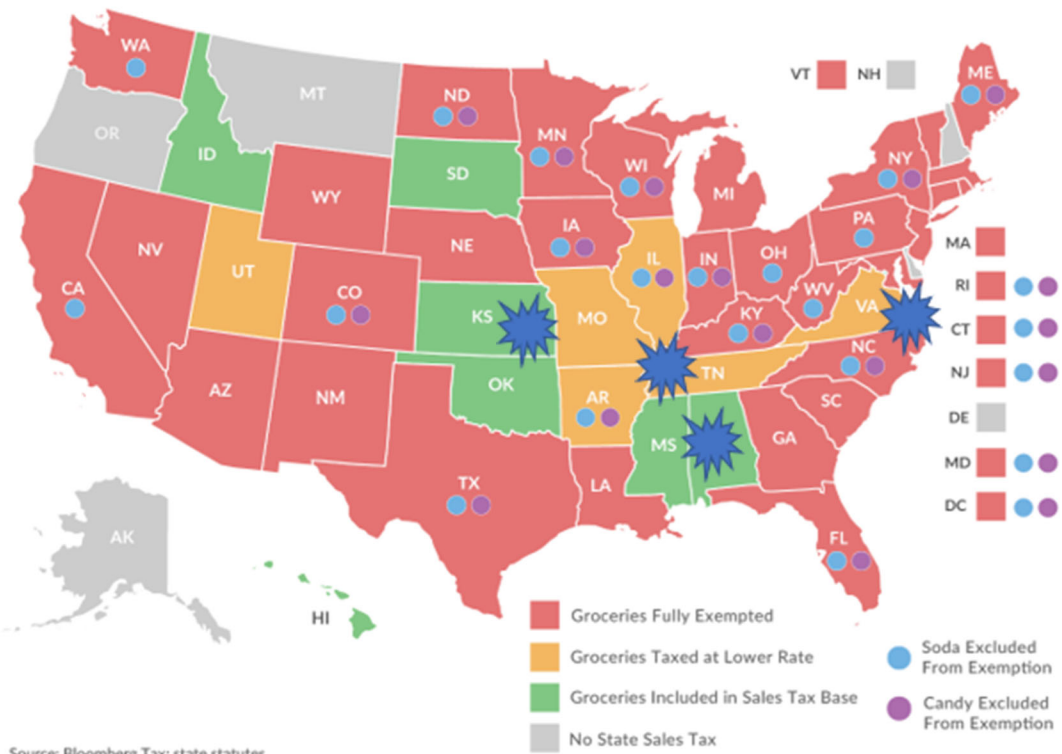
- Fully exempt – 32 states
- Phasing in full exemption – 2 states (Kansas and Virginia)
- Partial exemption (reduced rate) – 6 states (Alabama 3%; Arkansas 0.125%, Illinois 1%, Missouri 1.225%; Tennessee 4% (reduced from 5.5% in past two years); Utah 3%)
- Fully taxable – 4 states: AVERAGE TOTAL TAX RATE: Idaho 6.02%; Mississippi 7.07%; **Oklahoma 8.99%** and South Dakota 6.40%.

**THIS MEANS THAT OKLAHOMA IS #1 IN IMPOSING THIS BAD TAX ON FAMILIES.** This is not a “Top Ten” standing for us to be proud of. Especially in this time of inflation, families need this relief. This especially would help the younger working families – those on food stamps don’t generally pay anyway. A core value of true conservatives is to support families. Please help our families by repealing this terrible tax.

For more information - [taxedenoughalready.com](http://taxedenoughalready.com)

# How Are Groceries, Candy, and Soda Taxed in Your State?

Sales Tax Treatment of Groceries, Candy, and Soda as of January 1, 2019

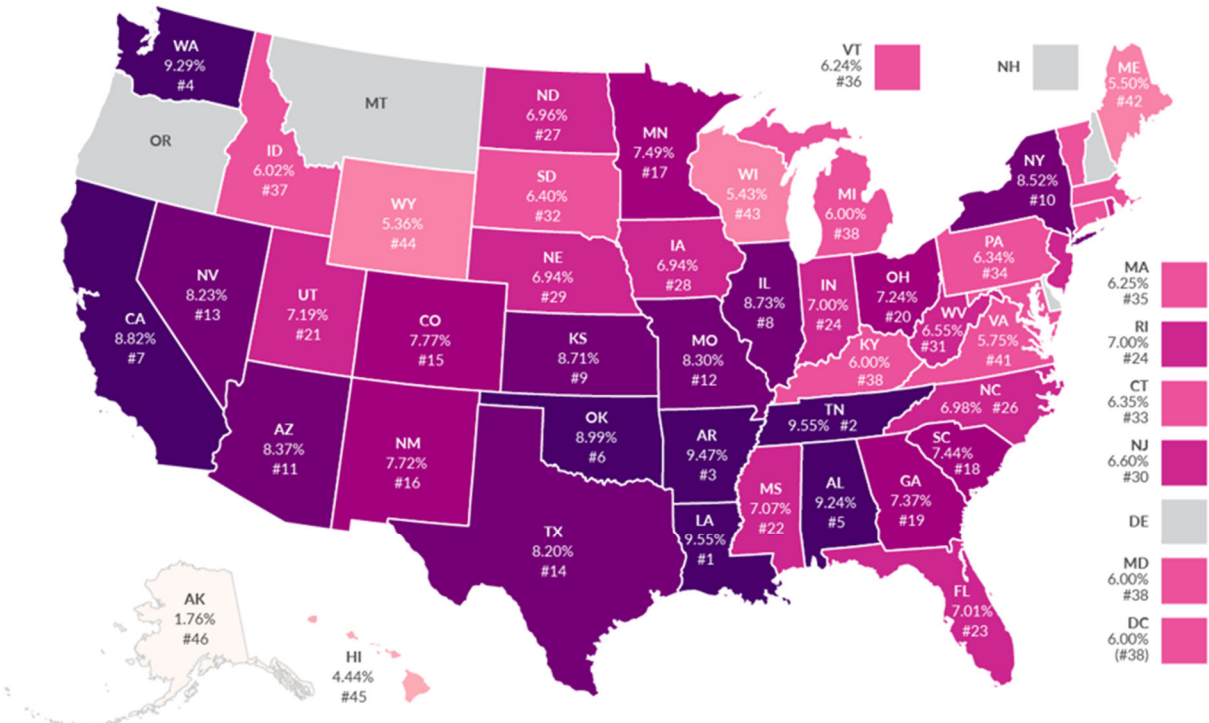


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# How High are Sales Taxes in Your State?

Combined State & Average Local Sales Tax Rates, July 2022



Notes: City, county and municipal rates vary. These rates are weighted by population to compute an average local tax rate. The sales taxes in Hawaii, New Mexico and South Dakota have broad bases that include many business-to-business services. D.C.'s rank does not affect states' ranks, but the figure in parentheses indicates where it would rank if included.

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