



FACT SHEET

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EXCISE TAXES (AND MARK-UP) APPLIED TO MALT BEVERAGES, WINE, AND SPIRITS

Wyoming imposes a special excise tax on alcoholic beverages at the state level. All revenues generated from these taxes are directed to the General Fund. There are currently no local optional or mandatory additional excise taxes imposed on alcoholic beverages in Wyoming. However, in addition to the excise taxes discussed in this *Fact Sheet*, alcoholic beverages are subject to both state and local sales and use taxes.

Table 1. Summary of State Excise Taxes on Alcoholic Beverages in Wyoming.

Beverage	Statutory Tax (W.S. 12-3-101(a))	Rough Conversion of Tax per Gallon	Median Tax of All States ¹	Projected Revenue for FY08	Est. Revenue Generated by \$0.01/gallon
Malt beverage (beer)	\$0.005/liter (33.8 ounces)	~\$0.02/gallon	\$0.188/gallon	\$276,000	~\$150,000
Fermented liquors (wine)	\$0.0075/100 milliliters (3.4 ounces)	~\$0.28/gallon	Not comparable ²	\$233,000	~\$8,000
Spirits	\$0.025/100 milliliters (3.4 ounces)	~\$0.95/gallon	Not comparable ²	\$903,000	~\$9,500

Source: LSO summary of Wyoming statutes, Wyoming Department of Revenue data, and information of the Federation of Tax Administrators, February 2007.

Notes:

- 1) See Attachments A, B, and C for a listing of other state tax rates on beer, wine, and spirits, respectively.
- 2) Wine and spirits in Wyoming are sold through the state Liquor Division, housed within the Department of Revenue. The revenue generated by the state includes net profit and excise taxes. As a result, a comparison of just the excise taxes in Wyoming and other states may not yield an accurate depiction of the total revenue generated by the state through the sale of these products.

As referenced in note #2, Wyoming controls the wholesale distribution of wine and spirits in Wyoming and allows the Department of Revenue, Liquor Division to impose up to a 17.6 percent profit on the sales. (W.S. 12-2-303) In addition to the excise taxes collected on alcoholic beverages, which amounted to just under \$1.5 million, in FY06, the state's net profit generated an additional \$6.8 million for an Enterprise Fund. These profits are subsequently transferred to the General Fund, based upon traditional practice.

ATTACHMENT A

STATE TAX RATES ON BEER

(January 1, 2007)

	EXCISE TAX RATES (\$ per gallon)	SALES TAXES APPLIED	OTHER TAXES
Alabama	\$0.53	Yes	\$0.52/gallon local tax
Alaska	1.07	n.a.	
Arizona	0.16	Yes	
Arkansas	0.23	Yes	under 3.2% - \$0.16/gallon; \$0.008/gallon and 3% off- 10% on-premise tax
California	0.20	Yes	
Colorado	0.08	Yes	
Connecticut	0.19	Yes	
Delaware	0.16	n.a.	
Florida	0.48	Yes	2.67¢/12 ounces on-premise retail tax
Georgia	0.32	Yes	\$0.53/gallon local tax
Hawaii	0.93	Yes	\$0.54/gallon draft beer
Idaho	0.15	Yes	over 4% - \$0.45/gallon
Illinois	0.185	Yes	\$0.16/gallon in Chicago and \$0.06/gallon in Cook County
Indiana	0.115	Yes	
Iowa	0.19	Yes	
Kansas	0.18	--	over 3.2% - {8% off- and 10% on-premise}, under 3.2% - 4.25% sales tax.
Kentucky	0.08	Yes*	11% wholesale tax
Louisiana	0.32	Yes	\$0.048/gallon local tax
Maine	0.35	Yes	additional 5% on-premise tax
Maryland	0.09	Yes	\$0.2333/gallon in Garrett County
Massachusetts	0.11	Yes*	0.57% on private club sales
Michigan	0.20	Yes	
Minnesota	0.15	--	under 3.2% - \$0.077/gallon. 9% sales tax
Mississippi	0.4268	Yes	
Missouri	0.06	Yes	
Montana	0.14	n.a.	
Nebraska	0.31	Yes	
Nevada	0.16	Yes	
New Hampshire	0.30	n.a.	
New Jersey	0.12	Yes	
New Mexico	0.41	Yes	
New York	0.11	Yes	\$0.12/gallon in New York City
North Carolina	0.53	Yes	
North Dakota	0.16	--	7% state sales tax, bulk beer \$0.08/gal.
Ohio	0.18	Yes	
Oklahoma	0.40	Yes	under 3.2% - \$0.36/gallon; \$1.00/case on-premise and 13.5% on-premise
Oregon	0.08	n.a.	
Pennsylvania	0.08	Yes	
Rhode Island	0.10	Yes	\$0.04/case wholesale tax
South Carolina	0.77	Yes	
South Dakota	0.27	Yes	
Tennessee	0.14	Yes	17% wholesale tax
Texas	0.19	Yes	over 4% - \$0.198/gallon, 14% on-premise and \$0.05/drink on airline sales
Utah	0.41	Yes	over 3.2% - sold through state store
Vermont	0.265	no	6% to 8% alcohol - \$0.55; 10% on-premise sales tax
Virginia	0.26	Yes	
Washington	0.261	Yes	
West Virginia	0.18	Yes	
Wisconsin	0.06	Yes	
Wyoming	0.02	Yes	
Dist. of Columbia	0.09	Yes	8% off- and 9% on-premise sales tax
U.S. Median	\$0.188		

SOURCE: Compiled by FTA from various sources.

* Sales tax is applied to on-premise sales only.

ATTACHMENT B

STATE TAX RATES ON WINE

(January 1, 2007)

STATE	EXCISE TAX RATES (\$ per gallon)	SALES TAXES APPLIED	OTHER TAXES
Alabama	\$1.70	Yes	over 14% - sold through state store
Alaska	2.50	n.a.	
Arizona	0.84	Yes	
Arkansas	0.75	Yes	under 5% - \$0.25/gallon; \$0.05/case; and 3% off- and 10% on-premise
California	0.20	Yes	sparkling wine - \$0.30/gallon
Colorado	0.32	Yes	
Connecticut	0.60	Yes	over 21% and sparkling wine - \$1.50/gallon
Delaware	0.97	n.a.	
Florida	2.25	Yes	over 17.259% - \$3.00/gallon, sparkling wine \$3.50/gallon 6.67¢/4 ounces on-premise retail tax
Georgia	1.51	Yes	over 14% - \$2.54/gallon; \$0.83/gallon local tax
Hawaii	138	Yes	Sparkling wine - \$2.12/gallon and wine coolers - \$0.85/gallon
Idaho	0.45	Yes	
Illinois	0.73	Yes	over 20% - \$4.50/gallon; \$0.246/gallon in Chicago and (\$0.16-\$0.30)/gallon in Cook County
Indiana	0.47	Yes	over 21% - \$2.68/gallon
Iowa	1.75	Yes	under 5% - \$0.19/gallon
Kansas	0.30	no	over 14% - \$0.75/gallon; 8% off- and 10% on-premise
Kentucky	0.50	Yes*	11% wholesale
Louisiana	0.11	Yes	14% to 24% - \$0.23/gallon, over 24% and sparkling wine - \$1.59/gallon
Maine	0.60	Yes	over 15.5% - sold through state stores, sparkling wine - \$1.25/gallon; additional 5% on-premise sales tax
Maryland	0.40	Yes	
Massachusetts	0.55	Yes*	sparkling wine - \$0.70/gallon;
Michigan	0.51	Yes	over 16% - \$0.76/gallon
Minnesota	0.30	--	14% to 21% - \$0.95/gallon, under 24% and sparkling wine - \$1.82/gallon; \$0.01/bottle (except miniatures) and 9% sales tax
Mississippi	0.35	Yes	over 14% and sparkling wine - sold through the state
Missouri	0.30	Yes	
Montana	1.06	n.a.	over 16% - sold through state stores; 7% surtax
Nebraska	0.95	Yes	
Nevada	0.70	Yes	14% to 22% - \$1.30/gallon, over 22% - \$3.60/gallon
New Hampshire	see footnote (1)	n.a.	
New Jersey	0.70	Yes	
New Mexico	1.70	Yes	over 14% - \$5.68/gallon
New York	0.19	Yes	
North Carolina	0.79	Yes	over 17% - \$0.91/gallon
North Dakota	0.50	--	over 17% - \$0.60/gallon, Sparkling wine - \$1.00/gallon; 7% state sales tax
Ohio	0.30	Yes	over 14% - \$0.98/gallon, vermouth - \$1.08/gallon and sparkling wine - \$1.48/gallon
Oklahoma	0.72	Yes	over 14% - \$1.40/gallon, sparkling wine - \$2.08/gallon; \$1.00/bottle on-premise and 13.5% on-premise
Oregon	0.67	n.a.	over 14% - \$0.77/gallon
Pennsylvania	see footnote (1)	Yes	
Rhode Island	0.60	Yes	sparkling wine - \$0.75/gallon
South Carolina	0.90	Yes	\$0.18/gallon additional tax
South Dakota	0.93	Yes	14% to 20% - \$1.45/gallon, over 21% and sparkling wine - \$2.07/gallon; 2% wholesale tax
Tennessee	1.21	Yes	\$0.15/case and 15% on-premise
Texas	0.20	Yes	over 14% - \$0.408/gallon and sparkling wine - \$0.516/gallon; 14% on-premise and \$0.05/drink on airline sales
Utah	see footnote (1)	Yes	
Vermont	0.55	Yes	over 16% - sold through state store, 10% on-premise sales tax
Virginia	1.51	Yes	under 4% - \$0.2565/gallon and over 14% - sold through state store
Washington	0.87	Yes	over 14% - \$1.72/gal.
West Virginia	1.00	Yes	5% local tax
Wisconsin	0.25	Yes	over 14% - \$0.45/gallon
Wyoming	see footnote (1)	Yes	
Dist. of Columbia	0.30	Yes	8% off- and 9% on-premise sales tax, over 14% - \$0.40/gallon and Sparkling - \$0.45/gallon.
U.S. Median	0.69		

Source: Compiled by FTA from various sources.

* Sales tax is applied to on-premise sales only.

(1) All wine sales are through state stores. Revenue in these states is generated from various taxes, fees and net profits.

ATTACHMENT C

STATE TAX RATES ON DISTILLED SPIRITS

(January 1, 2007)

STATE	EXCISE	SALES TAXES	OTHER TAXES
	TAX RATES (\$ per gallon)	APPLIED	
Alabama	see footnote (1)	Yes	
Alaska	\$12.50	n.a.	under 21% - \$2.50/gallon
Arizona	3.00	Yes	
Arkansas	2.50	Yes	under 5% - \$0.50/gallon, under 21% - \$1.00/gallon; \$0.20/case and 3% off- 14% on-premise retail taxes
California	3.30	Yes	over 50% - \$6.60/gallon
Colorado	2.28	Yes	
Connecticut	4.50	Yes	under 7% - \$2.05/gallon
Delaware	5.46	n.a.	under 25% - \$3.64/gallon
Florida	6.50	Yes	under 17.259% - \$2.25/gallon, over 55.780% - \$9.53/gallon 6.67¢/ounce on-premise retail tax
Georgia	3.79	Yes	\$0.83/gallon local tax
Hawaii	5.98	Yes	
Idaho	see footnote (1)	Yes	
Illinois	4.50	Yes	under 20% - \$0.73/gallon; \$1.845/gallon in Chicago and \$2.00/gallon in Cook County
Indiana	2.68	Yes	under 15% - \$0.47/gallon
Iowa	see footnote (1)	Yes	
Kansas	2.50	no	8% off- and 10% on-premise retail tax
Kentucky	1.92	Yes*	under 6% - \$0.25/gallon; \$0.05/case and 11% wholesale tax
Louisiana	2.50	Yes	under 6% - \$0.32/gallon
Maine	see footnote (1)	Yes	
Maryland	1.50	Yes	
Massachusetts	4.05	Yes*	under 15% - \$1.10/gallon, over 50% alcohol - \$4.05/proof gallon; 0.57% on private club sales
Michigan	see footnote (1)	Yes	
Minnesota	5.03	--	\$0.01/bottle (except miniatures) and 9% sales tax
Mississippi	see footnote (1)	Yes	
Missouri	2.00	Yes	
Montana	see footnote (1)	n.a.	
Nebraska	3.75	Yes	
Nevada	3.60	Yes	under 14% - \$0.70/gallon and under 21% - \$1.30/gallon.
New Hampshire	see footnote (1)	n.a.	
New Jersey	4.40	Yes	
New Mexico	6.06	Yes	
New York	6.44	Yes	under 24% - \$2.54/gallon; \$1.00/gallon New York City
North Carolina	see footnote (1)	Yes*	
North Dakota	2.50	--	7% state sales tax
Ohio	see footnote (1)	Yes	
Oklahoma	5.56	Yes	\$1.00/bottle on-premise and 13.5% on-premise
Oregon	see footnote (1)	n.a.	
Pennsylvania	see footnote (1)	Yes	
Rhode Island	3.75	Yes	
South Carolina	2.72	Yes	\$5.36/case and 9% surtax
South Dakota	3.93	Yes	under 14% - \$0.93/gallon, 2% wholesale tax
Tennessee	4.40	Yes	\$0.15/case and 15% on-premise; under 7% - \$1.21/gallon.
Texas	2.40	Yes	14% on-premise and \$0.05/drink on airline sales
Utah	see footnote (1)	Yes	
Vermont	see footnote (1)	no	10% on-premise sales tax
Virginia	see footnote (1)	Yes	
Washington	see footnote (1)	Yes*	
West Virginia	see footnote (1)	Yes	
Wisconsin	3.25	Yes	
Wyoming	see footnote (1)	Yes	
Dist. of Columbia	1.50	Yes	8% off- and 9% on-premise sales tax
U.S. Median	\$3.75		

Source: Compiled by FTA from various sources.

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(1) In 18 states, the government directly controls the sales of distilled spirits. Revenue in these states is generated from various taxes, fees and net liquor profits.