

Table 7.11
STATE SALES TAX RATES AND FOOD AND DRUG EXEMPTIONS
(As of January 1, 2016)

State or other jurisdiction	Tax rate (percentage)	Exemptions		
		Food (a)	Prescription drugs	Nonprescription drugs
Alabama.....	4.0	...	★	...
Alaska.....	none	...	...	...
Arizona.....	5.6	★	★	...
Arkansas.....	6.5	1.5% (f)	★	...
California.....	7.5 (b)	★	★	...
Colorado.....	2.9	★	★	...
Connecticut.....	6.35	★	★	★
Delaware.....	none	...	...	...
Florida.....	6.0	★	★	★
Georgia.....	4.0	★(f)	★	...
Hawaii.....	4.0	...	★	...
Idaho.....	6.0	...	★	...
Illinois.....	6.25	1%	1%	1%
Indiana.....	7.0	★	★	...
Iowa.....	6.0	★	★	...
Kansas.....	6.5	...	★	...
Kentucky.....	6.0	...	★	...
Louisiana.....	4.0	★(f)	★	...
Maine.....	5.5	★	★	...
Maryland.....	6.0	★	★	★
Massachusetts.....	6.25	★	★	...
Michigan.....	6.0	★	★	...
Minnesota.....	6.875	★	★	★
Mississippi.....	7.0	...	★	...
Missouri.....	4.225	1.225%	★	...
Montana.....	none	...	...	...
Nebraska.....	5.5	★	★	...
Nevada.....	6.85	★	★	...
New Hampshire.....	none	...	...	...
New Jersey.....	7.0	★	★	★
New Mexico.....	5.125	★	★	...
New York.....	4.0	★	★	★
North Carolina.....	4.75	★(f)	★	...
North Dakota.....	5.0	★	★	...
Ohio.....	5.75	★	★	...
Oklahoma.....	4.5	...	★	...
Oregon.....	none	...	...	...
Pennsylvania.....	6.0	★	★	★
Rhode Island.....	7.0	★	★	...
South Carolina.....	6.0	★	★	...
South Dakota.....	4.0	...	★	...
Tennessee.....	7.0	5.0%	★	...
Texas.....	6.25	★	★	★
Utah.....	5.95 (c)	3.0% (c)	★	...
Vermont.....	6.0	★	★	★
Virginia.....	5.3 (d)	2.5% (d)	★	★
Washington.....	6.5 (e)	★	★	...
West Virginia.....	6.0	★	★	...
Wisconsin.....	5.0	★	★	...
Wyoming.....	4.0	★	★	...
Dist. of Columbia.....	5.75	★	★	★

Source: Compiled by FTA from various sources, January 2016.

Key:

★ — Indicates exempt from tax.

... — Indicates subject to general sales tax rate.

(a) Some states tax food, but allow a rebate or income tax credit to compensate poor households. They are: Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Oklahoma and South Dakota.

(b) Tax rate may be adjusted annually according to a formula based on balances in the unappropriated general fund and the school foundation fund. Rate is scheduled to decrease to 7.25% on 1/1/17.

(c) Includes statewide tax of 1.25 percent levied by local governments in Utah. Food sales subject to local taxes.

(d) Includes statewide 1.0% tax levied by local governments in Virginia. (e) Washington tax rate may fall to 5.5% on 4/15/16, if state legislature does not act on Initiative 1366.

(f) Food sales subject to local taxes.

(g) Includes a statewide 1.25% tax levied by local governments in Utah.