



OUTLINE OF MAJOR TAXES IN WASHINGTON STATE

Washington State Department of Revenue
July 2010

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STATE GENERAL AND SELECTIVE SALES TAXES

Beer Excise Tax (66.24.290)	Brewers or distributors of beer	\$8.08 per barrel	\$32,415	Liquor Control Board	Brewers and beer wholesalers report the tax
Brokered Natural Gas Tax (82.12.022)	Natural or manufactured gas consumed within the state which was not subject to public utility tax	103.852%	\$46,731	Dept. of Revenue	Paid by users on special brokered natural gas tax return
Liquor Liter Tax (82.08.150)	Sales of hard liquor (spirits)	\$3.7708 per liter	\$125,116	Liquor Control Board & Revenue	Included in purchase price
Motor Fuels Taxes (82.36, 82.37, 82.38)	Sale or use of motor vehicle fuel or special fuels (propane, etc.)	37.5 cents per gallon	\$1,179,460	Dept. of Licensing	Paid by distributor and included in pump price
Refuse Collection Tax (82.18.020)	Services provided by refuse collection businesses	3.6%	\$32,480	Dept. of Revenue	Paid by refuse collection users
Rental Car Tax (82.08.020(2))	Rental of automobiles	5.9%	\$22,768	Dept. of Revenue	Paid by rental car firms
Retail Sales Tax (82.08)	Selling price of tangible personal property & certain services purchased by consumers	6.5% (6.8% on sales and leases of new and used motor vehicles)	\$6,903,654	Dept. of Revenue	Paid by purchaser to retailer who forwards to Revenue

Tobacco Products Tax (82.26)	Sale, use, etc., of other tobacco products	75% of the taxable sales price, with a maximum of 50 cents per cigar	\$30,278	Dept. of Revenue	Paid by manufacturers and distributors
Use Tax (82.12)	Value of items acquired for use in WA which were not subject to retail sales tax.	6.5%	\$465,418	Dept. of Revenue	Paid by consumer to Revenue (to County Auditor for vehicles)
Wine Excise Tax (66.24.210)	Sales of wine to distributors, LCB, etc.	Table wines \$0.2292 per liter, Fortified wines \$0.4536, Cider \$0.0814	\$21,736	Liquor Control Board	Wholesale purchasers of wine report tax on a monthly basis

STATE GROSS RECEIPTS BUSINESS TAXES

Business & Occupation Tax (82.04)	Gross receipts of all businesses operating in Washington.	Major rates: retailing, 0.471%; manufacturing/wholesaling, 0.484%; services, 1.5%	\$2,650,526	Dept. of Revenue	Reported by businesses on Excise Tax Return
Insurance Premiums Tax (48.14.020)	Net premiums received by licensed insurers	Ocean marine/trade, 0.95%; other insurers, 2.0%	\$408,464	Insurance Commissioner	Paid by insurance companies
Public Utility Tax	Gross operating revenue of public & privately owned public service firms (utilities)	Gas/sewer, 3.852%; water, 5.029%; urban trans., 0.642%; motor & railroad trans., 1.926%; power, 3.873%; all others, 1.926%	\$386,101	Dept. of Revenue	Business reporting monthly, quarterly, or annually

STATE PROPERTY TAX

State Property Tax Schools (84.52.065)	Assessed value of taxable real & personal property, adjusted to 100% true & fair value	\$3.60 per \$1,000 of assessed value (local tax base)	\$1,785,323	County Assessor & Treasurer, Revenue	Paid by levy for owners: 50% due April 30 and balance due Oct. 31
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STATE EXCISE TAXES IN LIEU OF PROPERTY TAX

Aircraft and Watercraft Excise Taxes (82.48 and 82.49)	Privilege of using aircraft and watercraft, measured by fair market value for boats and statutory fees for aircraft.	Aircraft, \$20-125; boats, 0.5% (minimum of \$5)	\$17,477	Dept. of Licensing, County Auditors	Paid annually by owners with license fees
Leasehold Excise Tax (82.29A)	Interests in publicly owned real or personal property.	State tax rate of 12.84% less local taxes up to 6%	\$25,613	Dept. of Revenue	Paid to lessors and sent to Revenue
Public Utility District (PUD) Privilege Tax (54.28)	Electric generating facilities of PUD's for the privilege of operating.	2.14% of gross revenues plus 5.35% of 1st 4 mills per KWH	\$42,361	Dept. of Revenue	Paid annually by PUDs
Timber Excise Tax (84.33.041)	Stumpage value of timber at the time of harvest	Public lands, 4.0%; private lands, 1.0%	\$4,630	Dept. of Revenue	Paid quarterly by harvesters

OTHER STATE TAXES

Soft Drinks Syrup Tax	Wholesale or retail sales of syrup used to make carbonated beverages	\$1.00 per gallon	\$8,365	Dept. of Revenue	Paid by in-state sellers of carbonated beverages to Revenue
Enhanced 911 Tax	Telephone access lines (both switched and radio access lines)	Up to \$0.20 per month for each switched and radio access line.	\$20,192	Dept. of Revenue	Paid on telephone bills to telephone companies and forwarded to Revenue s

Estate and Transfer Tax (83.100 for deaths occurring on or before January 06, 2006) (WAC 458-57-105 for deaths occurring on or after 1/17/2006)	The value of all property located in WA at the time of death of the owner.	After subtracting any applicable deductions the remaining WA taxable estate is subject to a graduated rate schedule ranging from 10 to 19 percent.	\$615	Dept. of Revenue	Administrators or personal representatives of estates must file within nine months following the decedents death.
Food Fish & Shellfish Tax (82.27)	Price paid by first commercial processor of food fish or shellfish	Chinook salmon, 5.62%; sockeye salmon, 3.37%; oysters, 0.09%; sea urchins/cucumbers, 4.92%; other, 2.25%	\$1,963	Dept. of Revenue	Reported on addendum to Excise Tax Return by the owner of the fish at the time of the first commercial possession.
Hazardous Substances Tax (82.21)	Value of certain chemicals and other products at time of first possession in state	0.7%	\$42,681 (state portion)	Dept. of Revenue	Paid by party first possessing substance in state to Revenue
Oil Spill Tax (82.23B)	Crude oil & petroleum products delivered at marine terminals within the state	\$.04 per 42 gallon barrel	\$4,966	Dept. of Revenue	Collected by marine terminal operators & paid to Revenue
Petroleum Products Tax (82.23A)	Wholesale value of petroleum products derived from crude oil at time of first possession in this state	0.5% (tax reimposed as of 7/1/03 but terminated on 7/1/04) Fund limit reached	\$609	Dept. of Revenue	Paid by first possessor of petroleum products to Revenue
Real Estate Excise Tax (82.45.060)	Sales of real property	1.28%	\$426,048	Revenue and County Treasurer	Paid by sellers when affidavit is recorded
State Convention Center (67.40.090)	lodging in King County hotels with 60+ units	Seattle, 7%; the rest of King County 2.8%	\$57,253	Dept. of Revenue	Paid to retailer who forwards tax to Revenue

MAJOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT TAX SOURCES (yield is latest year available)

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Baseball Sales/Use Stadium Tax (The King County stadium taxes expire October 1, 2011.)	Sales in King County	0.017% **	\$7,839	Dept. of Revenue	Calculated by Revenue
Food & Beverage	Prepared foods and drinks (King County only)	0.50%	\$19,838	Dept. of Revenue	Collected by retailers and forwarded to Revenue
Football Sales/Use Stadium Tax (The King County stadium taxes expire October 1, 2011.)	Sales in King County	0.016% **	\$7,376	Dept. of Revenue	Calculated by Revenue
Hotel/Motel Tax (67.28.180)	Transient rental income	2.0% of sales tax (6.5%)	\$36,905	Dept. of Revenue	Reported by retailers; state reimburses cities and counties
Leasehold Excise Tax (82.29 A)	Rental value of leased publicly owned property		\$25,613	Dept. of Revenue	Paid to lessors and sent to Revenue
Local Property Taxes (84.52 and others)	Assessed value of taxable real and personal property	Average local regular & special levy rate, \$9.09	\$5,268,569	County Assessor & Treasurer, Revenue	Paid by owners: 50% due April 30 and balance due Oct. 31
Local Real Estate Excise (82.46)	Sales of real property	Generally 0.25% or 0.5% of selling price	\$426,048	County Treasurer	Sellers pay when sales affidavit is filed
Local Retail Sales & Use Taxes (82.14)	Selling price of tangible personal property & certain services purchased by consumers	State law currently authorizes 25 different types of local sales and use taxes.	\$2,647,770	Dept. of Revenue	Retailers report sales by local code
Municipal Business Taxes (35.102)	Gross revenue or flat fees based on class of business, number of employees, etc.	Business: maximum rate of 0.2%; Utilities: maximum rate of 6%		City Clerk	Paid by local firms within taxing jurisdiction

Special Hotel/Motel Tax (67.28)	Transient rental income	Many cities and counties levy additional taxes ranging from 2.0% to 5.0%	\$26,545	Dept. of Revenue	Paid to retailers who forward tax to Revenue
Timber Excise Tax (84.33)	Stumpage value of timber harvested for sale or commercial/industrial use	5 percent, split between the state and counties	\$22,620	Dept. of Revenue	Paid quarterly by harvesters to Revenue

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