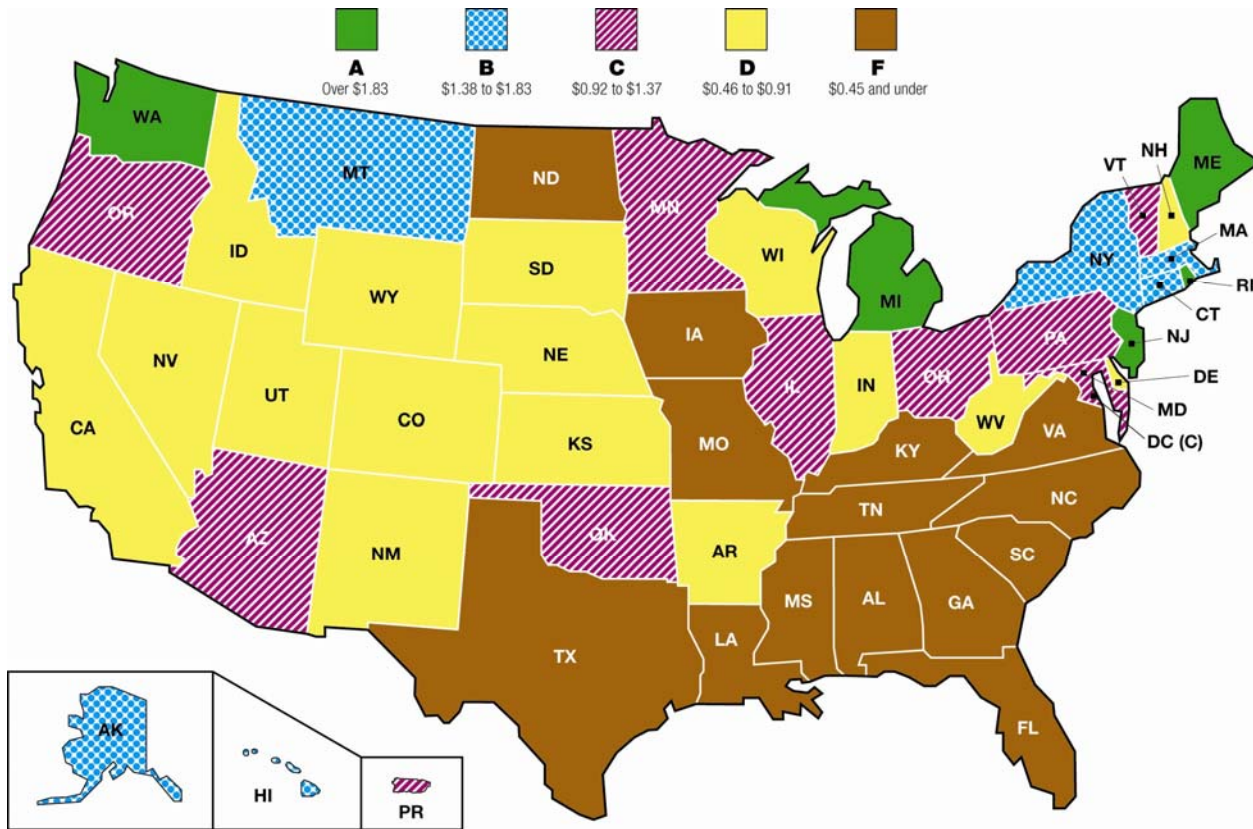


# State of Tobacco Control Report Card Cigarette Tax



- Twelve states – **Alaska, Colorado, Kentucky, Maine, Minnesota, Montana, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Virginia and Washington** – have cigarette tax increases in 2005.
- Studies show that a **10% increase in the price of cigarettes** reduces consumption by 7% for youth and by 4% in adults.
- The CDC estimates that each pack of **cigarettes sold in the U.S. costs taxpayers \$7.18** in medical care costs and lost productivity.
- Five states – **Maine, Michigan, New Jersey, Rhode Island and Washington** – are at or above \$2.00 per pack.
- A large cigarette tax increase in **New York City** led to the most significant drop in smoking ever recorded in the city – **180,000 fewer smokers** over two years.
- In the first six months since Oklahoma’s historic \$0.80 cigarette tax increase **30,000 Oklahomans have quit smoking.**