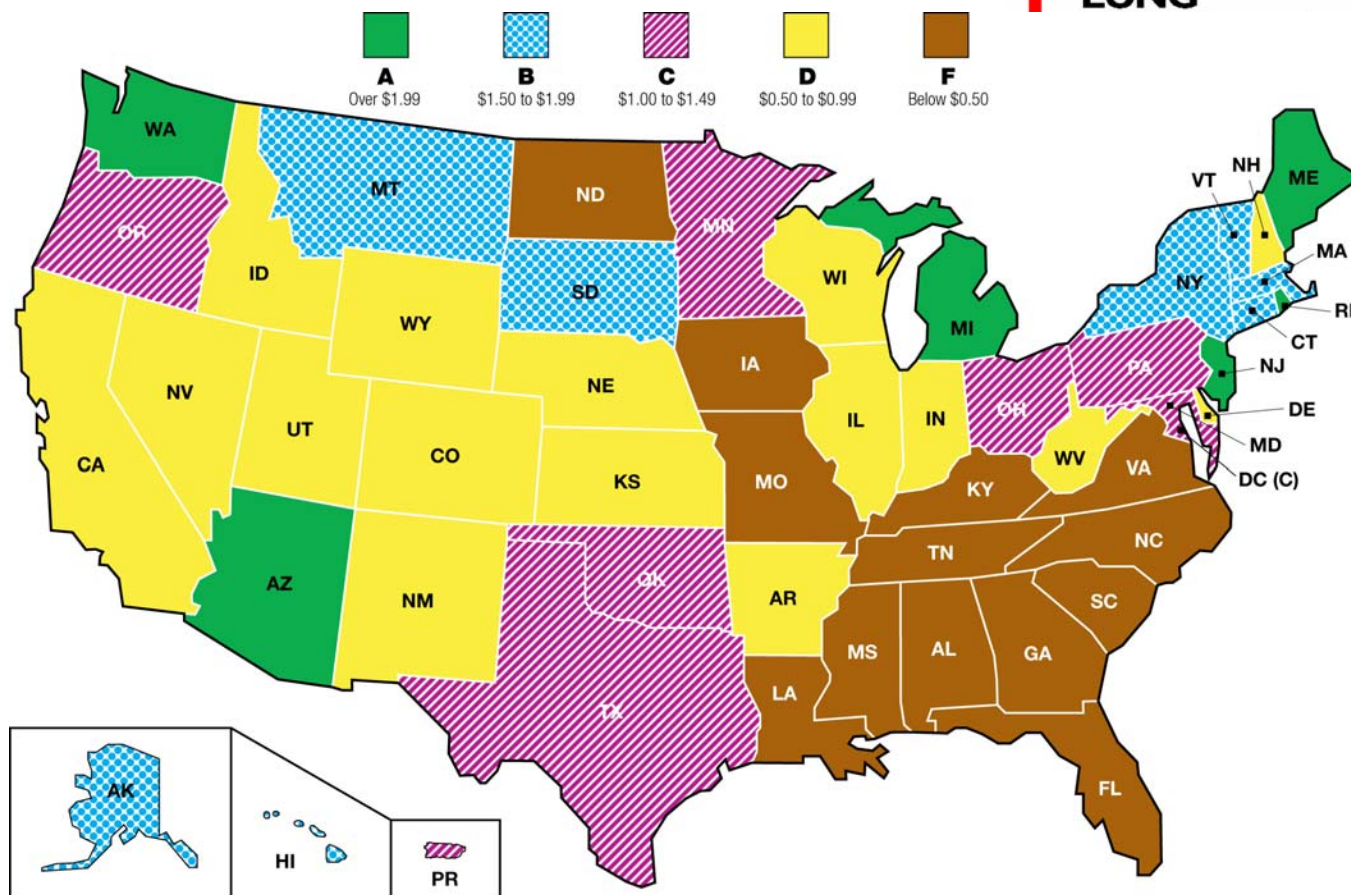


State of Tobacco Control 2006 Report Card

Cigarette Tax



■ Six states – **Arizona, Hawaii, New Jersey, South Dakota, Texas and Vermont** – increased their cigarette taxes in 2006. Alaska and North Carolina implemented scheduled increases passed in previous years.

■ Studies show that a **10% increase in the price of cigarettes** reduces consumption by 7% for youth and by 4% in adults.

■ The average state cigarette tax is now **\$1.00 per pack**, up from 43.4 cents per pack on January 1, 2002.

■ Six states – **Arizona, Maine, Michigan, New Jersey, Rhode Island and Washington** – have cigarette taxes 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.

■ Chicago, IL has the highest combined state and local cigarette tax at \$3.66 per pack. New Jersey has the highest state tax at \$2.575 per pack.