

Hawaii Sales Tax Info Sheet

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State Sales Tax	Local Sales Tax Range	Average Local Tax	Average Combined Tax	Max Combined Tax
4%	0% - 0.5%	0.427%	4.427%	4.5%

Hawaii has a statewide excise tax rate of **4%**, which was introduced in 1935. This data sheet was last updated in January 2021 by SalesTaxHandbook.com.

What is exempt from sales taxes in Hawaii?

Many states have special sales tax rates that apply to the purchase of certain types of goods, or fully exempt them from the sales tax altogether. Here's how Hawaii taxes five types of commonly-exempted goods:

Clothing



4%

Groceries



4%

Prepared Food



4%

Prescription Drugs



4%

OTC Drugs



4%

Are services subject to sales tax in Hawaii?

"Goods" refers to the sale of tangible personal property, which are generally taxable. "Services" refers to the sale of labor or non-tangibles. In Hawaii, services are taxable unless specifically exempted. To learn more, see salestaxhandbook.com/hawaii/sales-tax-taxability#services.

Local Sales Taxes in Hawaii

Municipal governments in Hawaii are also allowed to collect a **local-option sales tax** that ranges from 0% to 0.5% across the state, with an average local tax of 0.427% (for a total of 4.427% when combined with the state sales tax). The maximum local tax rate allowed by Hawaii law is 0.5%. Below are listed local sales tax rates for the five largest cities in Hawaii. You can find other Hawaii city and county sales tax rates at salestaxhandbook.com/hawaii/rates.

City Name	State Rate	County Rate	City Rate	Special Rate	Combined Rate
* Honolulu, HI	4%	0.5%	N/A	N/A	4.5%
Waipahu, HI	4%	0.5%	N/A	N/A	4.5%
Ewa Beach, HI	4%	0.5%	N/A	N/A	4.5%
Mililani, HI	4%	0.5%	N/A	N/A	4.5%
Kaneohe, HI	4%	0.5%	N/A	N/A	4.5%

To learn more, visit the Hawaii Sales Tax Handbook at SalesTaxHandbook.com/Hawaii