

Rhode Island Sales Tax Info Sheet

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State Sales Tax	Local Sales Tax Range	Average Local Tax	Average Combined Tax	Max Combined Tax
7%	N/A	N/A	7%	7%

Rhode Island has a statewide sales tax rate of **7%**, which was introduced in 1947. This data sheet was last updated in January 2021 by SalesTaxHandbook.com.

What is exempt from sales taxes in Rhode Island?

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 Rhode Island taxes five types of commonly-exempted goods:

Clothing



EXEMPT

Groceries



EXEMPT

Prepared Food



8%

Prescription Drugs



EXEMPT

OTC Drugs



7%

Are services subject to sales tax in Rhode Island?

"Goods" refers to the sale of tangible personal property, which are generally taxable. "Services" refers to the sale of labor or non-tangibles. In Rhode Island, specified services are taxable. To learn more, see salestaxhandbook.com/rhode-island/sales-tax-taxability#services.

Local Sales Taxes in Rhode Island

Municipal governments in Rhode Island are also allowed to collect a [local-option sales tax](#) that ranges from 0% to 0% across the state, with an average local tax of **N/A** (for a total of 7% when combined with the state sales tax). The maximum local tax rate allowed by Rhode Island law is **N/A**. Below are listed local sales tax rates for the five largest cities in Rhode Island. You can find other Rhode Island city and county sales tax rates at salestaxhandbook.com/rhode-island/rates.

City Name	State Rate	County Rate	City Rate	Special Rate	Combined Rate
* Providence, RI	7%	N/A	N/A	N/A	7%
* Warwick, RI	7%	N/A	N/A	N/A	7%
* Cranston, RI	7%	N/A	N/A	N/A	7%
* Pawtucket, RI	7%	N/A	N/A	N/A	7%
* Woonsocket, RI	7%	N/A	N/A	N/A	7%

To learn more, visit the Rhode Island Sales Tax Handbook at SalesTaxHandbook.com/RhodeIsland