

## District of Columbia Sales Tax Info Sheet

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State Sales Tax	Local Sales Tax Range	Average Local Tax	Average Combined Tax	Max Combined Tax
6%	N/A	N/A	6%	6%

District of Columbia has a statewide sales tax rate of 6%, which was introduced in 1949. This data sheet was last updated in January 2021 by [SalesTaxHandbook.com](https://SalesTaxHandbook.com).

### What is exempt from sales taxes in District of Columbia?

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 District of Columbia taxes five types of commonly-exempted goods:

#### Clothing



#### Groceries



#### Prepared Food



#### Prescription Drugs



#### OTC Drugs



### Are services subject to sales tax in District of Columbia?

"Goods" refers to the sale of tangible personal property, which are generally taxable. "Services" refers to the sale of labor or non-tangibles. In District of Columbia, specified services are taxable. To learn more, see [salestaxhandbook.com/district-of-columbia/sales-tax-taxability#services](https://salestaxhandbook.com/district-of-columbia/sales-tax-taxability#services).

### Local Sales Taxes in District of Columbia

Unlike many other states, District of Columbia doesn't allow municipal governments to collect a local option sales tax. Therefore, sales tax rates will be the same across the entire state.

To learn more, visit the District of Columbia Sales Tax Handbook at [SalesTaxHandbook.com/DistrictofColumbia](https://SalesTaxHandbook.com/DistrictofColumbia)