

Louisiana Sales Tax Info Sheet

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Louisiana has a statewide sales tax rate of **5%**, which was introduced in 1938. This data sheet was last updated in May 2026 by SalesTaxHandbook.com.

What is exempt from sales taxes in Louisiana?

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 Louisiana taxes five types of commonly-exempted goods:

Clothing



5%

Groceries



EXEMPT

Prepared Food



5%

Prescription Drugs



5%

OTC Drugs



5%

Are services subject to sales tax in Louisiana?

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

Local Sales Taxes in Louisiana

Municipal governments in Louisiana are also allowed to collect a **local-option sales tax** that ranges from 0% to 8.5% across the state, with an average local tax of 5.169% (for a total of 10.166% when combined with the state sales tax). The maximum local tax rate allowed by Louisiana law is 7%. Below are listed local sales tax rates for the five largest cities in Louisiana. You can find other Louisiana city and county sales tax rates at salestaxhandbook.com/louisiana/rates.

City Name	State Rate	County Rate	City Rate	Special Rate	Combined Rate
New Orleans, LA	5%	5%	N/A	N/A	10%
Metairie, LA	5%	4.75%	N/A	N/A	9.75%
Shreveport, LA	5%	N/A	4.6%	N/A	9.6%
Baton Rouge, LA	5%	N/A	N/A	5.5%	10.5%
Houma, LA	5%	5.5%	N/A	N/A	10.5%

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