

Massachusetts Sales Tax Info Sheet

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State Sales Tax	Local Sales Tax Range	Average Local Tax	Average Combined Tax	Max Combined Tax
6.25%	N/A	N/A	6.25%	6.25%

Massachusetts has a statewide sales tax rate of **6.25%**, which was introduced in 1966. This data sheet was last updated in October 2017 by SalesTaxHandbook.com.

What is exempt from sales taxes in Massachusetts?

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 Massachusetts taxes five types of commonly-exempted goods:

Clothing



6.25%

Groceries



EXEMPT

Prepared Food



7%

Prescription Drugs



EXEMPT

OTC Drugs



6.25%

Are services subject to sales tax in Massachusetts?

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

Local Sales Taxes in Massachusetts

Unlike many other states, Massachusetts 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 Massachusetts Sales Tax Handbook at SalesTaxHandbook.com/Massachusetts