

State of Colorado Cigarette Tax and Information Chart

Prior to April 1, 2009



Average Retail Consumer Price: \$34.00

Federal Excise Tax \$3.90

Colorado Excise Tax \$8.40

Master Settlement Agreement Fee \$4.00

Total Taxes and Fees Per Carton \$16.30

Percentage of Taxes and Fees of the Total Retail Consumer Price Per Carton: 48%

After April 1, 2009



Average Retail Consumer Price: \$44.00

Federal Excise Tax \$10.10 (\$6.20 per carton to fund SCHIP to the State of Colorado)

State Excise Tax \$8.40

Master Settlement Agreement Fee \$4.00

Total Taxes and Fees Per Carton \$22.50

Percentage of Taxes and Fees of the Total Retail Consumer Price Per Carton: 51%

- Sales Tax proposal equates to an additional \$1.30 per carton
- Taking the percentage of taxes and fees of the total retail consumer price per carton to 54%
- Fiscal Year 2007 State of Colorado collected over \$204,000,000.00 in State Cigarette Excise Tax
- MSA Payments to the State of Colorado have averaged nearly \$100,000,000.00 per year over the last 8 plus years
- The Congressional Budget Office states that the new tax already in effect (\$6.20 per carton for SCHIP) will negatively impact the revenues for the State of Colorado between \$21.8 and \$24.5 million per year
- The average Cigarette Smoker makes less than \$40,000.00 per year
- Is it prudent to hang another tax on a declining revenue source that is already blatantly over taxed?