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SALES AND HOTEL TAX RATES IN THE NORTHEAST

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This report provides current sales and hotel tax rates in Connecticut and other Northeastern states. It updates OLR Report [2008-R-0695](#).

Table 1 below shows the tax rates in nine Northeastern states. The information in the table comes from tax tables and information published by CCH's *State Tax Guide* and state tax department websites.

Table 1: Sales and Hotel Tax Rates in the Northeast

State	Sales Tax Rate (State)	Sales Tax Rate (Local)	Hotel Tax Rate (State)	Hotel Tax Rate (Local)
Connecticut	6.35%	No tax	15%	No tax
Maine	5%	No tax	7%	No tax
Massachusetts	6.25%	0.75%	5.7%	Up to 6% (6.5% in Boston)
New Hampshire	No tax	No tax	9%	No tax
New Jersey	7%	No tax	8% to 12%	Up to 3%
New York	4%	Up to 4.875%	4%	Up to 5.875%
Pennsylvania	6%	1% or 2%	6%	1% or 2%
Rhode Island	7%	1%	12%	1%
Vermont	6%	1%	9%	1%

Source: CCH, *State Tax Guide*; State tax department websites

Notes on Sales Tax Rates

- **Connecticut:** 7% tax on certain luxury goods
- **Maine:** 7% tax on prepared foods, liquor served on-premises, and campground rentals
- **Massachusetts:** Optional local tax applies only to sales of meals
- **New Hampshire:** 9% tax on meals
- **New York:** Local rates include county, city, and transit district taxing jurisdictions.
- **Pennsylvania:** Local rate in Philadelphia is 2% through FY 14, after which it is 1%; Local rate in Allegheny County is 1%.
- **Rhode Island:** 1% local tax applies only to sales of meals and beverages
- **Vermont:** Certain municipalities may impose a 1% local sales tax and an additional 1% meal and beverages tax

Notes on Hotel Tax Rates:

- **Massachusetts:** Boston, Cambridge, Chicopee, Springfield, West Springfield, and Worcester may add a 2.75% convention center financing fee.
- **New York:** In addition to the combined state and local hotel tax rate of 9.875%, New York City charges a daily hotel fee of \$1.50 per room.
- **Vermont:** Local tax applies only in certain municipalities.

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