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This publication is divided into two major sections: the first reviews state taxes; the second covers taxes levied at the local level.
For each tax, this summary shows the:

- Taxpayer
- Tax base
- Rates
- Major exemptions
- Revenue for the most current year reported
- Disposition of revenue
- Payment dates
- Special provisions and credits
- Primary sections of the Ohio Revised Code pertaining to the tax
- Responsibility for administration
- History of major changes
- Comparisons to similar taxes in other states

The 13 states selected for comparison are either neighboring states to Ohio or are considered to be large, economically important states.

Ohio's tax system underwent changes in 2004 primarily to implement the state's participation in the Streamlined Sales Tax Project (SSTP). These provisions were contained in House Bill 95, the 2004-2005 biennium budget bill. The SSTP is a multi-state initiative to capture sales tax lost on sales by out-of-state and Internet vendors that are exempt under federal law from collecting state sales tax. The changes include new definitions of food, beverages, and medical supplies.

House Bill 95 also contained a number of tax reform initiatives crafted by Gov. Bob Taft, with ODT assistance, in response to an extended economic slowdown. The General Assembly enacted more than 20 of the 80 reforms proposed by the governor. These reforms were aimed at producing nearly $2.3 billion in additional revenue over the biennium to address a projected revenue shortfall. The major component, a temporary, two-year increase in the state sales tax from 5.0 to 6.0%, raised about $1.1 billion in additional revenue during fiscal year 2004.

Significant changes to specific taxes in 2004 are highlighted in the appropriate sections.

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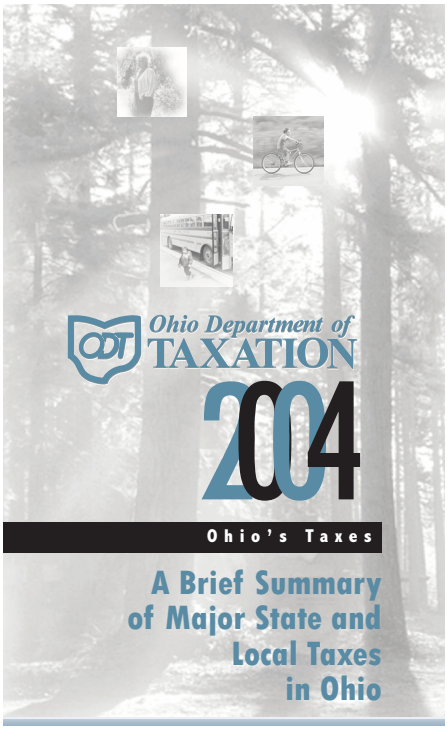
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