

## Sales & Use Tax – County & Transit Authority

### Taxpayer

(See **Sales and Use Tax** section in the **State Taxes** portion.)

### Tax Base

County sales tax

Additional county sales tax  
(for special purposes)

Transit authority sales tax

Sales and rental of  
personal property, and  
selected services

As of January 1, 2006, 88 counties  
and seven transit authorities  
levied the tax.

### Rates

County sales tax: 0.25%, 0.5%, 0.75%, or 1.0%

Additional county sales tax:  
(for special purposes) 0.25% or 0.5%

Transit authority sales tax: 0.25%, 0.5%, 0.75%, 1.0%, 1.25%, or  
1.5%

### Major Exemptions

(See **Sales and Use Tax** section in the **State Taxes** portion.)

### Revenue (In Millions)

| Fiscal Year | County    | Transit Authority | Adm. Fund | Total*    |
|-------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|
| 2001        | \$1,068.8 | \$270.0           | \$13.6    | \$1,352.4 |
| 2002        | 1,073.0   | 261.6             | 13.5      | 1,348.1   |
| 2003        | 1,115.7   | 271.2             | 14.1      | 1,401.0   |
| 2004        | 1,179.8   | 278.7             | 14.8      | 1,473.3   |
| 2005        | 1,195.4   | 285.6             | 15.1      | 1,496.1   |

**Note:** \*Figures are from the Office of Budget and Management and represent actual distributions of the county and transit authority sales and use tax during the fiscal years shown.

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**Sales & Use Tax - County & Transit Authority****Disposition of Revenue**

- **County sales tax:**  
County general revenue fund and administrative expenses.
- **Additional county sales tax:**  
Allocated to one or more of the following: county general fund; transit authority; county permanent improvements; convention facility notes or bonds; implementation of a 9-1-1 system in the county; operation and maintenance of a detention facility; and conservation easements.
- **Transit authority sales tax:**  
All transit purposes of the transit authority and administrative expenses.

**Payment Dates**

(See **Sales and Use Tax** section in the **State Taxes** portion.)

**Special Provisions/Credits**

A total of 1.0% of the county tax, 1.0% of the additional county tax, and 1.0% of the transit authority tax are credited to the Local Sales Tax Administrative Special Fund for use by the Tax Commissioner in administration.

Qualified municipal corporations and townships are authorized to levy a resort area tax at the rate of 0.5%, 1.0%, or 1.5% on gross receipts from general sales or intrastate transportation primarily to and from the resort area. Three eligible jurisdictions currently impose the tax:

- Kelley's Island (1.5%),
- village of Put-in-Bay (1.5%), and
- township of Put-in-Bay (1.5%).

The Tax Commissioner administers this tax.

**Sections of Ohio Revised Code***County sales tax:*

Sections 5739.021, 5739.022, 5739.025, 5739.21, 5739.211, 5741.021, 5741.03, and 5741.031.

*Additional county sales tax:*

Sections 133.312, 307.282, 307.283, 351, 5739.025, 5739.026, and 5741.023.

**Sales & Use Tax - County & Transit Authority***Transit authority sales tax:*

Sections 306.321, 306.70, 306.71, 5739.01, 5739.023, 5739.025, 5739.21, 5739.211, 5741.01, 5741.022, 5741.03, and 5741.031.

*Resort area gross receipts tax:*

Sections 5739.101, 5739.102, 5739.103, 5739.104, and 5739.105.

**Responsibility for Administration**

Tax Commissioner.

**History of Major Changes**

County sales taxes:

- 1967 • General Assembly granted power to counties to levy the county sales tax at a 0.5% rate.
- 1969 • Lake County was the first county to levy the county sales tax.
- 1982 • Counties authorized to levy the county sales tax at 0.5% or 1.0%.
- 1986 • Counties authorized to levy the additional county sales tax at 0.5% for specified purposes subject to voter approval.
- 1987 • County sales tax or additional county sales tax authorized at 0.25% increments.
- 1992 • A county 9-1-1 system added to the list of specified purposes for which a county may enact the additional county sales tax.
- 1999 • Conservation easements included in the list of specific purposes for which the additional county sales tax may be levied.
- 2003 • A board of commissioners in a county with a population of one million persons or more authorized to adopt a resolution on or before August 30, 2004 to levy an excise tax on sales of food and beverages for consumption on the premises where sold to provide revenue for constructing, improving, expanding, equipping, financing, or operating a convention center.

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**Sales & Use Tax - County & Transit Authority****History of Major Changes**

Transit authority sales tax:

- 1974 • General Assembly authorized transit authorities to levy the tax, subject to voter approval, at the following rates: 0.5%, 1.0%, or 1.5%.
- 1975 • Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority adopted the tax at a 1.0% rate.
- 1980 • Miami Valley RTA and Central Ohio Transit Authority adopted the tax at a 0.5% rate.
- 1985 • The 0.5% rate for Central Ohio Transit Authority expired.
- 1987 • Transit authority tax authorized at 0.25% increments.
- 1988 • LakeTran RTA adopted tax at a 0.25% rate.
- 1989 • Central Ohio Transit Authority adopted tax at a 0.25% rate.
- 1991 • Summit County Metro Transit Authority adopted tax at a 0.25% rate.
- 1997 • Stark Area RTA adopted tax at a 0.25% rate.
- 2002 • Portage Area RTA adopted tax at a 0.25% rate.

**Comparisons with Other States (As of 01/06)**

(See **Sales and Use Tax** section in the **State Taxes** portion.)



