

Rental Car Tax (State)

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Tax Base Retail car rentals.

Retail car rentals involve the rental of passenger cars by rental car companies to customers, without drivers, for periods not in excess of 30 consecutive days.

Tax exemptions may reduce the tax liability for this tax base. For more information, refer to the [Tax Exemption Study](#).

Tax Rate 5.9 percent.

Rentals are also subject to state and local retail sales tax.

For information about the local portion of this tax that counties and other jurisdictions may impose refer to the [Local Tax Reference Guide](#).

Recent Collections (\$000)

Fiscal Year	Collections	% Change	% of All State Taxes
2016	\$31,765	8.7%	0.2%
2015	\$29,218	8.9%	0.2%
2014	\$26,826	16.4%	0.2%
2013	\$23,039	-2.7%	0.2%
2012	\$23,672	2.7%	0.2%
2011	\$23,044	7.2%	0.2%
2010	\$21,489	-5.6%	0.2%
2009	\$22,768	-5.9%	0.1%
2008	\$24,207	4.6%	0.2%
2007	\$23,152	5.5%	0.2%

Distribution of Receipts

Receipts of the state tax are deposited into the Multimodal Transportation Account.

Receipts from sales/use taxes are deposited in the State General Fund.

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Administration Department of Revenue.

Rental car companies collect the state tax from customers and report on an addendum to the Combined Excise Tax Return.

- History**
- 2000 With the repeal of the motor vehicle excise tax, effective January 1, 2000, the receipts from the state rental car tax were transferred into the newly created Multimodal Transportation Account.
 - 1992 The initial rental car tax was adopted, and the state rental car rate was effective January 1, 1993.
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