

## Retailers' Occupation Tax (ROT) - Sales Tax

Illinois Department of Revenue

## How Sales and Use Taxes are Distributed

## Use Tax

General merchandise  
**6.25%** + locally imposed taxes  
State Tax

Food\*, drug, and medical appliances  
**1.00%** + locally imposed taxes  
State Tax

Titled or registered items<sup>3</sup>  
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Representing 80 percent of the State ROT Tax collected.



#### MUNICIPAL PORTION (LOCAL GOVERNMENT TAX FUND)

Representing 16 percent of the State ROT Tax collected.

- Distributed to the municipality (or county, for sales in the unincorporated area of a county) where the sale originated (origin-based sale<sup>1</sup>) or where delivered to the purchaser (destination-based sale<sup>1</sup>).



#### COUNTY PORTION (COUNTY AND MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT FUND)

Representing 4 percent of the State ROT Tax collected.

- Distributed to the county<sup>2</sup> where the sale originated (origin-based sale<sup>1</sup>) or where delivered to the purchaser (destination-based sale<sup>1</sup>).

#### LOCAL TAXES

See Locally Imposed Sales and Use Taxes chart on page 2.



#### MUNICIPAL PORTION (LOCAL GOVERNMENT TAX FUND)

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#### STATE PORTION

Representing 80 percent of the State Use Tax collected.



#### MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY PORTION (STATE AND LOCAL SALES TAX REFORM FUND)

Representing 20 percent of the State Use Tax collected.



Not applicable with Use Tax.

#### STATE AND LOCAL SALES TAX REFORM FUND

All money in the State and Local Sales Tax Reform Fund is distributed monthly in the following order:

- 20 percent to Chicago,
- 10 percent to the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA),
- 0.6 percent to the Madison County Mass Transit District, and
- The remainder to the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) for distribution to municipal and county governments (except Chicago) based on each local government's population (referred to as "local" use tax).

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Not applicable with Use Tax.



#### STATE PORTION

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#### MUNICIPAL PORTION (LOCAL GOVERNMENT TAX FUND)

Representing 16 percent of the State Use Tax collected.

- Distributed to the municipality where the item is titled or registered (or county, for items titled or registered in an unincorporated area of a county).



#### COUNTY PORTION (COUNTY AND MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT FUND)

Representing 4 percent of the State Use Tax collected.

- Distributed to the county<sup>2</sup> where the item is titled or registered.

#### LOCAL TAXES

See Locally Imposed Taxes chart on page 2.

<sup>1</sup> For more information on "origin-based" and "destination-based" sales, see the [Leveling the Playing Field for Illinois Retail Act](#) resource page.

<sup>2</sup> For sales sourced to Cook County, the "County Portion" is distributed to the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA).

<sup>3</sup> Use Tax for RUT-50 returns is not a percent based tax. Tax is a flat rate based on purchase price. See RUT-50 for more info.

\* Effective January 1, 2026, Public Act 103-0781 eliminates the state's 1% tax on groceries.

NOTE: This list does not include Cannabis, Aviation, Rental, Chicago Soft Drink, MPEA Food and Beverage, Telecommunication, or Motor Fuel taxes.

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## Locally Imposed Sales and Use Taxes Administered by IDOR

In addition to the state sales and use taxes, local taxing bodies may impose, by ordinance or referendum, one or more local sales and use taxes. The locally imposed sales and use taxes listed below are imposed on sales sourced to the jurisdiction listed, administered by IDOR, and distributed to the applicable local taxing bodies. For information on how to determine if a sale is sourced to a given local jurisdiction, see the [Leveling the Playing Field for Illinois Retail Act resource page](#) and [86 Ill. Adm. Code 270.115](#). Please note that local governments may also impose additional taxes that are not administered by IDOR.

**GM=General Merchandise      FDM=Food, Drug, and Medical Appliances      TRI=Titled or Registered Items**

Locally Imposed Sales and Use Taxes administered by IDOR	Tax Amount	Maximum	GM	FDM	TRI	Statutes
<b>Municipality</b>						
Business District Development and Redevelopment Sales Tax Distributed to the municipality <sup>1</sup>	0.25% increments	1%	Y	N	N	<a href="#">65 ILCS 5/11-74.3-1 et seq.</a>
Home Rule Municipal Sales Tax Distributed to the municipality <sup>1</sup>	0.25% increments	NA	Y	N	N	<a href="#">65 ILCS 5/8-11-1</a>
Non-Home Rule Municipal Sales Tax Distributed to the municipality <sup>1</sup>	0.25% increments	1% <sup>2</sup>	Y	N	N	<a href="#">65 ILCS 5/8-11-1.3, 65 ILCS 5/8-11-1.6</a>
Home Rule Municipal Use Tax (on titled or registered items) <sup>3</sup> Distributed to the municipality <sup>1</sup>	0.25% increments	NA	N	N	Y	<a href="#">65 ILCS 5/8-11-6</a>
<b>County</b>						
Special County Retailers' Occupation Tax for Public Safety, Public Facilities, Mental Health, Substance Abuse, or Transportation Distributed to the county <sup>1</sup>	0.25% increments	NA	Y	N	N	<a href="#">55 ILCS 5/5-1006.5</a>
County Flood Prevention Sales Tax Distributed to the county <sup>1</sup>	0.25% increments	NA	Y	N	N	<a href="#">70 ILCS 750/25</a>
County School Facility and Resources Sales Tax Distributed to the Regional Superintendent of Schools <sup>1</sup>	0.25% increments	1%	Y	N	N	<a href="#">55 ILCS 5/5-1006.7</a>
County Home Rule Sales Tax Distributed to the county <sup>1</sup>	0.25% increments	NA	Y	N	N	<a href="#">55 ILCS 5/5-1006</a>
<b>Districts and Authorities</b>						
Metro-East Mass Transit District (MED) Sales Tax <sup>4</sup> Distributed to Madison and St. Clair counties' MED <sup>1</sup>	0.25% increments	0.75%	Y	Y	Y	<a href="#">70 ILCS 3610/5.01</a>
Metro-East Mass Transit District Vehicle Fee Distributed to Madison and St. Clair Counties' MED <sup>1</sup>	the lesser of 0.50% or \$20	NA	N	N	Y	<a href="#">70 ILCS 3610/5.01(d-6)</a>
Metro-East Park and Recreation District Sales Tax Distributed to the Metro-East Park and Recreation District <sup>1</sup>	0.10%	NA	Y	N	N	<a href="#">70 ILCS 1605/30</a>
Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) Sales Tax (Cook County) <sup>4</sup> Distributed to the RTA <sup>1</sup>	1%-GM 1.25%-FDM 1%-TRI	NA	Y	Y	Y	<a href="#">70 ILCS 3615/4.03</a>
Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) Sales Tax (Collar Counties-DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, Will) <sup>4</sup> Distributed to the RTA <sup>1</sup>	0.75%	NA	Y	Y	Y	<a href="#">70 ILCS 3615/4.03</a>

**NOTE:** This list is current as of the date of publication of this document. This list does not include locally imposed Cannabis, Aviation, Rental, Chicago Soft Drink, MPEA Food and Beverage, Telecommunication, or Motor Fuel taxes.

- <sup>1</sup> Administrative fees are retained by the state to offset the costs for administering locally imposed sales and use taxes. The fee rate is a percentage of the amount of local tax allocated to the local government. See the specific statutes for the current administrative fee rates.
- <sup>2</sup> Non-Home Rule Municipal Sales Taxes authorized under 65 ILCS 5/8-11-1.6 have no maximum amount.
- <sup>3</sup> While the Home Rule Municipal Use Tax Act authorizes home rule municipalities to impose a use tax on titled and registered property and Chicago to impose a use tax on general merchandise, IDOR only administers Chicago's Home Rule Municipal Use Tax on titled and registered property, which is reflected in the chart above.
- <sup>4</sup> In addition to the retailers' occupation tax provision of the Metro-East Mass Transit District (MED) Sales Tax and the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) Sales Tax, there is also a use tax provision, which is imposed on titled or registered tangible personal property that is purchased outside the district at retail by a purchaser whose Illinois address for titling or registration purposes is in the district.

The examples below list possible ROT tax rates imposed on an origin-based sale or a destination-based sale of \$100 that is sourced to the location listed.

### Example 1: General Merchandise - City of Chicago (Cook County)<sup>1</sup>

Name of Tax		Rate	Tax on \$100 sale	Admin. Fee Rate	Admin. Fees retained by IL	Amount Distributed	Where Distributed
State Tax	State Portion of the State Tax	5.00%	\$5.00	NA	NA	\$5.00	State of Illinois
	Municipal Portion of the State Tax <sup>2</sup>	+ 1.00%	\$1.00	NA	NA	\$1.00	Chicago
	County Portion of the State Tax <sup>3</sup>	+ 0.25%	\$0.25	NA	NA	\$0.25	RTA
	State Tax Total	6.25%	\$6.25	NA	NA	\$6.25	-
Local Taxes	RTA Tax	+ 1.00%	\$1.00	1.5%	\$0.02	\$0.98	RTA
	Chicago Home Rule Tax	+ 1.25%	\$1.25	1.5%	\$0.02	\$1.23	Chicago
	Cook County Home Rule Tax	+ 1.75%	\$1.75	1.5%	\$0.03	\$1.72	Cook County
	<b>Totals</b>	10.25%	\$10.25	-	\$0.07	\$10.18	-
Total Distributions for Example 1:		State of Illinois		Chicago		Cook County	RTA
		\$5.07 (includes Admin. Fees)		\$2.23		\$1.72	\$1.23

### Example 2: Qualifying Food, Drugs, and Medical Appliances - City of Chicago (Cook County)

Name of Tax		Rate	Tax on \$100 sale	Admin. Fee Rate	Admin. Fees retained by IL	Amount Distributed	Where Distributed
State Tax	Municipal Portion of the State Tax <sup>2</sup>	1.00%	\$1.00	NA	NA	\$1.00	Chicago
	State Tax Total	1.00%	\$1.00	NA	NA	\$1.00	-
Local Tax	RTA Tax	+ 1.25%	\$1.25	1.5%	\$0.02	\$1.23	RTA
	<b>Totals</b>	2.25%	\$2.25	-	\$0.02	\$2.23	-
Total Distributions for Example 2:		State of Illinois		Chicago		RTA	
		\$0.02 (Admin. Fees)		\$1.00		\$1.23	

### Example 3: Titled or Registered Items - City of Chicago (Cook County)

Name of Tax		Rate	Tax on \$100 sale	Admin. Fee Rate	Admin. Fees retained by IL	Amount Distributed	Where Distributed
State Tax	State Portion of the State Tax	5.00%	\$5.00	NA	NA	\$5.00	State of Illinois
	Municipal Portion of the State Tax <sup>2</sup>	+ 1.00%	\$1.00	NA	NA	\$1.00	Chicago
	County Portion of the State Tax <sup>3</sup>	+ 0.25%	\$0.25	NA	NA	\$0.25	RTA
	State Tax Total	6.25%	\$6.25	NA	NA	\$6.25	-
Local Taxes	RTA Tax	+ 1.00%	\$1.00	1.5%	\$0.02	\$0.98	RTA
	Chicago Home Rule Tax <sup>4</sup>	+ 1.25%	\$1.25	1.5%	\$0.02	\$1.23	Chicago
<b>Totals</b>		8.50%	\$8.50	-	\$0.04	\$8.46	-
Total Distributions for Example 3:		State of Illinois		Chicago		RTA	
		\$5.04 (includes Admin. Fees)		\$2.23		\$1.23	

### Example 4: General Merchandise - Northeast Business District in Collinsville (Madison County)

Name of Tax		Rate	Tax on \$100 sale	Admin. Fee Rate	Admin. Fees retained by IL	Amount Distributed	Where Distributed
State Tax	State Portion of the State Tax	5.00%	\$5.00	NA	NA	\$5.00	State of Illinois
	Municipal Portion of the State Tax <sup>2</sup>	+ 1.00%	\$1.00	NA	NA	\$1.00	Collinsville
	County Portion of the State Tax	+ 0.25%	\$0.25	NA	NA	\$0.25	Madison County
	State Tax Total	6.25%	\$6.25	NA	NA	\$6.25	-
Local Taxes	Collinsville Home Rule Tax	+ 1.25%	\$1.25	1.5%	\$0.02	\$1.23	Collinsville
	County Flood Prevention Tax	+ 0.25%	\$0.25	2.0%	\$0.01	\$0.24	Madison County
	MED Sales Tax	+ 0.25%	\$0.25	1.5%	\$0.00 <sup>5</sup>	\$0.25	Madison County Metro East Mass Transit District (MED)
	Metro East Park & Recreation District Tax	+ 0.10%	\$0.10	1.5%	\$0.00 <sup>5</sup>	\$0.10	Metro East Park and Recreation District
	Business District Tax <sup>6</sup>	+ 1.00%	\$1.00	2.0%	\$0.02	\$0.98	Collinsville
<b>Totals</b>		9.10%	\$9.10	-	\$0.05	\$9.05	-
Total Distributions for Example 4:		State of Illinois		Collinsville		MED	Metro East Park & Rec. District
		\$5.05 (includes Admin. Fees)		\$3.21		\$0.25	\$0.10

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<sup>1</sup> While this example applies to most items of general merchandise, please note that if the item is food, alcoholic beverages, and soft drinks sold for immediate consumption inside the MPEA boundaries, an additional 1% tax applies (which would be distributed to the MPEA less admin. fees); and if the item is a canned or bottled soft drink sold in Chicago, an additional 3% tax applies (which would be distributed to Chicago less admin. fees).

<sup>2</sup> If the sale is in the unincorporated area of a county, this portion will go to the county.

<sup>3</sup> For sales sourced to Cook County, the "County Portion" is distributed to the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA).

<sup>4</sup> Chicago Home Rule Use Tax on titled or registered items is imposed on vehicles or trailers titled and registered to a Chicago address.

<sup>5</sup> Rounded to \$0.00.

<sup>6</sup> Imposed on sales sourced to an address in the business district.