

North Carolina Local Option Sales & Use Taxes

Table 1: Local Option Sales & Use Tax Articles in the North Carolina General Statutes, Chapter 105

| Article | Rate | Levied By | Restrictions | Distribution | Adjustment Factor | Shared with Municipalities | Enacted |
|---------|------|-----------------------------------|---|----------------------|------------------------|--|---------|
| 39 | 1¢ | 100 counties | None | Point of Destination | No | Yes | 1969 |
| 40 | ½¢ | 100 counties | 30% must be used for school capital needs | Per Capita | Yes | Yes | 1983 |
| 42 | ½¢ | 100 counties | 60% must be used for school capital needs | Point of Destination | Yes, food portion only | Yes | 1986 |
| 43 | ¼¢ | 0 counties | Transit | Point of Destination | No | Only if the municipality operates a public transit system. | 1997 |
| | ½¢ | Durham, Mecklenburg, Orange, Wake | | | | | |
| 46 | ¼ ¢ | 41 counties | None | Point of Destination | No | No | 2007 |

Table 2: County Sales Tax Rates

| County | Rate | Articles Levied |
|--|---|---|
| 57 Counties Have a Total Sales & Use Tax Rate of 6.75% | | |
| Alamance Alleghany Avery Beaufort Bertie Bladen Brunswick Burke Caldwell Camden | Carteret Caswell Chatham Chowan Cleveland Columbus Craven Currituck Dare Davie | Forsyth Franklin Gates Graham Granville Guilford Henderson Hoke Hyde Iredell |
| Johnston Lenoir Macon Madison McDowell Mitchell Nash Northampton Pamlico | Pender Perquimans Person Polk Richmond Scotland Stokes Transylvania Tyrrell | Union Vance Warren Washington Watauga Wayne Wilson Yadkin Yancey |
| | | 2.00% local + 4.75% State 6.75% Tax |
| - Articles 39, 40, & 42 | | |
| 39 Counties Have a Total Sales & Use Tax Rate of 7.00% | | |
| Alexander Anson Ashe Buncombe Cabarrus Catawba Cherokee | Clay Cumberland Davidson Duplin Edgecombe Gaston Greene | Halifax Harnett Haywood Hertford Jackson Jones Lee |
| Lincoln Martin Montgomery Moore* New Hanover Onslow | Pasquotank Pitt Randolph Robeson Rockingham Rutherford | Rowan Sampson Stanly* Surry Swain* Wilkes |
| | | 2.25% local + 4.75% State 7.00% Tax |
| - Articles 39, 40, & 42 - Article 46 | | |
| 2 Counties Have a Total Sales & Use Tax Rate of 7.25% | | |
| Mecklenburg Wake | | |
| | | 2.50% local + 4.75 State 7.25% Tax |
| - Articles 39, 40, & 42 - Article 43 at ½¢ | | |
| 2 Counties Have a Total Sales & Use Tax Rate of 7.50% | | |
| Durham Orange | | |
| | | 2.75% local + 4.75% State 7.50% Tax |
| - Articles 39, 40, & 42 - Article 43 at ½¢ - Article 46 | | |

* Current rate is 6.75%; voters approved the additional Article 46 ¼¢ in November 2018, but the higher tax rate is not yet levied.