

Excise Tax

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This publication is for general information about the excise taxes imposed in Arizona counties. For complete details, refer to the Arizona Revised Statutes and the Arizona Administrative Code. In case of inconsistency or omission in this publication, the language of the Arizona Revised Statutes, the Arizona Administrative Code, and the individual county resolutions will prevail.

Excise taxes are commonly used by counties to support and enhance county services.

Pima county is the only county that does not have a county excise tax, although it does have a tax on transient lodging in unincorporated areas of the county.

County excise taxes apply to any transactions that are subject to the state's transaction privilege tax.

What is the Tax Rate and How Do I Pay?

Most county excise taxes are imposed at a rate of ten percent of the Arizona transaction privilege tax rate. For example, a business that pays a 5% transaction privilege tax would pay a 0.5% county excise tax (consult the *Arizona State, County and City Transaction Privilege and Other Tax Rate Tables* for the current tax rates), if the business or the job site is located in a county imposing a tax. If a business transaction is exempt from transaction privilege tax, it is also exempt from county excise tax.

The transaction privilege tax rate tables include a schedule which provides the combined state transaction privilege and county excise tax rate. This combined rate is used to reflect sales made in different counties. In order to collect and pay transaction privilege and county excise taxes, you must have a transaction privilege tax license.

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