



TAX BITES

Americans for Tax Reform Foundation and the Cost of Government Center reveal how much government drives up the average cost of popular goods and services. Those highlighted here are popular targets for revenue-hungry lawmakers who impose "sin" taxes and other punitive costs on products and industries.

As such, most of these goods and services are subject to specific and discriminatory excise taxes. The tax "bite" shown here also includes the cost of taxation borne by all businesses; sales taxes, corporate income taxes, payroll taxes, property taxes, Social Security and Medicare taxes, capital gains taxes, and other payments businesses make to federal, state and local government, the costs of which are ultimately passed onto taxpayers.