

# TENNESSEE

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<b>Sales Tax on Food<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Yes</b>
Rate	6% Fundamental tax rate, plus other local taxes(average tax rate on food is 3.88%)
Rebates or credits	No
<b>Poverty level<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>13.8% (16<sup>th</sup> in state ranking)</b>
<b>Food Insecurity<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>13.0% (10<sup>th</sup> in state ranking)</b>
<b>Other notable information</b>	<b>Although Tennessee's sales tax is fairly expensive, they do celebrate the occasional tax free weekend</b>
<b>Unemployment Rate<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>4.1 (31<sup>st</sup> in state ranking)</b>

Overall grade: **41**

Comments: Tennessee may have a reduced tax rate for foods, but it is still extremely high, and it is in the top 10 highest ranking places for food insecurity, not to mention a high poverty level as well. The redeeming quality for this state, however, is the unemployment rate. This state still has quite a bit of work concerning hunger and poverty.

The Score Card

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.cbpp.org/3-16-06sfp3.htm>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.census.gov/acs/www/Products/Ranking/2003/R01T040.htm>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.frac.org/pdf/hunger05rank.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> [http://money.cnn.com/pf/features/lists/state\\_unemployment/state.html](http://money.cnn.com/pf/features/lists/state_unemployment/state.html)

<b>Sales Tax on Food<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>10 out of 25</b>
Rate	10 of 20
Rebates or credits	0 of 5
<b>Poverty level<sup>6</sup></b>	<b>8 of 25</b>
<b>Food Insecurity<sup>7</sup></b>	<b>5 of 25</b>
<b>Other notable information</b>	<b>+2</b>
<b>Unemployment Rate<sup>8</sup></b>	<b>16 of 25</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>41/100</b>

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