

1. Results in a Google search for "sales tax Massachusetts 2018" includes a box (screen capture below\*) providing information about the last change in the Massachusetts state sales tax rate.

As of **2018**, the state **sales tax** rate in **Massachusetts** was 6.25 percent. In 2009, the state legislature increased state **sales tax** from 5 percent to 6.25 percent.

[Massachusetts Sales Tax Decrease and Tax-Free Weekend Initiative ...](https://ballotpedia.org/Massachusetts_Sales_Tax_Decrease_and_Tax-Free_Weekend_Initiative...)  
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Determine the percentage change in the Massachusetts state sales tax rate in 2009.

2. According to an April 30, 2018 article posted on Boston.com\*, Governor Charlie Baker supports "reducing the sales tax and establishing a permanent summer sales tax holiday" and "the Retailers Association of Massachusetts has proposed a ballot question that would lower the sales tax to 5 percent." Determine the percentage change in the Massachusetts state sales tax rate based on this proposed change.

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\* <https://www.google.com/search?q=sales+tax+massachusetts+2018&ie=utf-8&oe=utf-8&client=firefox-b-1-ab>

❖ <https://www.boston.com/news/local-news/2018/04/30/baker-offers-general-support-for-lowering-mass-sales-tax>