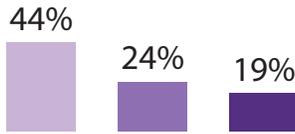


ARKANSAS LOCAL SALES TAX ELECTIONS

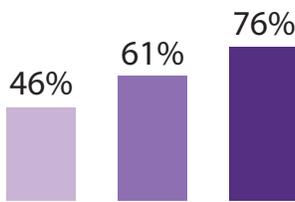
Arkansas has the **third highest combined state and local sales tax rate (9.43%)** in the nation.

Low Voter Turnout & High Pass Rates

Local Sales Tax Elections: 1981–2018



Voter Turnout



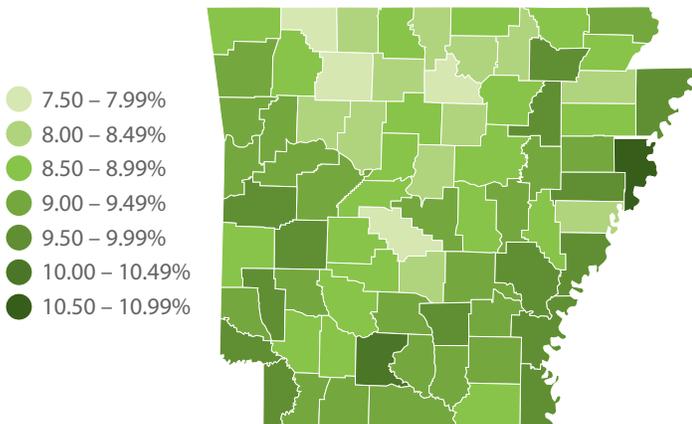
Pass Rate

- General
- Primary
- Special & Others

Voter turnout in special elections is less than half that of general elections, but sales tax increases are much more likely to pass in special elections. Statistical analysis by Dr. Jeremy Horpedahl shows that turnout has an independent effect on the outcome; even within special elections, higher turnout increases the share of “no” votes.

Arkansas County Sales Tax Rates

A weighted average of sales taxes within each county, including the state sales tax, county sales tax, and city sales taxes.



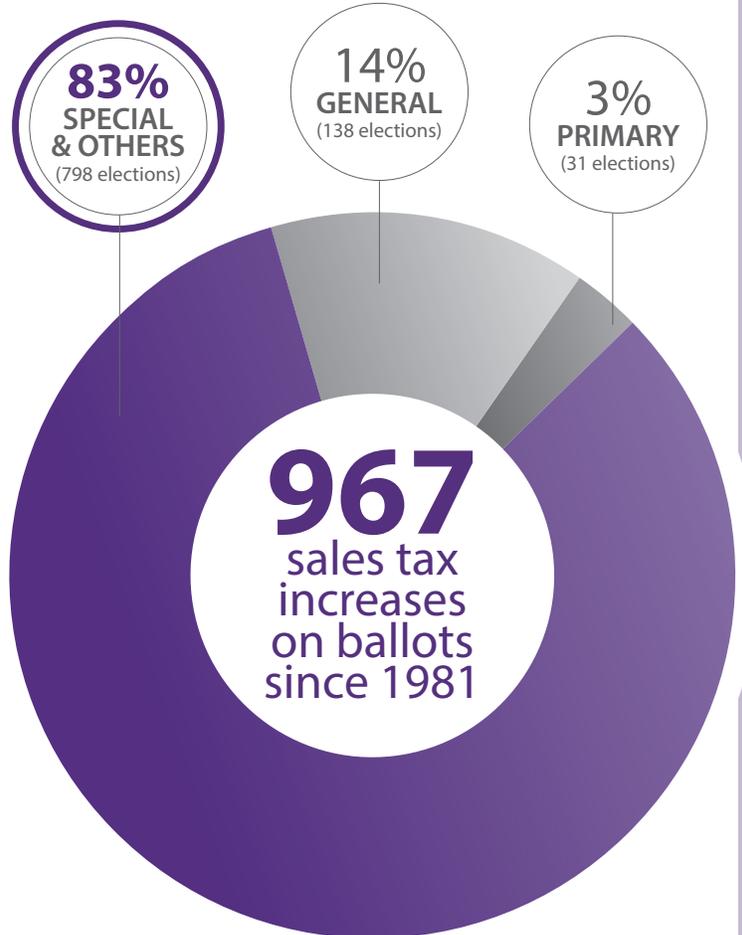
Since 1981, Arkansas local governments have had the option to add on local sales tax by popular election.

\$9.8 million

Total estimated cost of special elections, 1981–2018 (or \$250,000 per year)

73

of Arkansas's 75 counties have local sales taxes (and 320 cities)



This is an update to a previous ACRE infographic, now including data for 2017 and 2018.

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