



## Resort Area Gross Receipts Tax

### Taxpayer

The tax is paid by persons making general sales or providing intrastate transportation within a designated resort area.

### Tax Base

The tax is a business privilege tax measured by gross receipts derived from sales made within the boundaries of a designated resort area as well as intrastate transportation to and from such an area. Gross receipts included in the tax base include those derived from:

- Wholesale and retail sales, including food consumed on the premises.
- Rentals and leases of watercraft, golf carts, bicycles, videos, and fishing tackle.
- Hotel and motel room rentals.
- Sales of repair and installation labor.
- Warranties, maintenance or service contracts.
- Sales of personal and professional services.

### Rates

The tax may be levied at rates of 0.5 percent, 1 percent, or 1.5 percent. Currently, only three jurisdictions impose the tax: the village of Kelley's Island, the village of Put-in-Bay, and the township of Put-in-Bay. Each jurisdiction has set a rate of 1.5 percent.

### Major Exemptions

Gross receipts from the following sources are exempt from the calculation of the tax:

- Food sold for off-premises consumption.
- Installation of improvements to residential or business real property and repair of those installed items.
- Attorney, legal or medical services.
- Charter fishing trips.
- Dockage fees.
- Campsite fees.
- Waste disposal fees.

## Revenue

Fiscal Year	Total Taxes
2004	\$867,010
2005	576,330
2006	672,227
2007	773,161
2008	747,299

## Disposition of Revenue

Receipts from this tax are designated for the general revenue of the township or municipality.

## Payment Dates

There are two semi-annual reporting periods for the tax:

- Jan. 1 through June 30 – returns are due July 31.
- July 1 through Dec. 31 – returns are due Jan. 31.

## Special Provisions

The resort area gross receipts tax is not a sales tax or a tax on transactions. It may not be separately listed on an invoice or receipt to customers and it may not be collected directly from customers.

## Sections of Ohio Revised Code

Sections 5739.101 – 5739.104.

## Responsibility for Administration

Tax Commissioner.

## History of Major Changes

**1993** The General Assembly enacts House Bill 327, authorizing municipalities or townships that meet certain requirements to declare themselves a “resort area” and levy a resort area gross receipts tax. Shortly thereafter, the village of Kelley’s Island enacts tax.

**1996** The village of Put-in-Bay and township of Put-in-Bay both enact the tax.

## Comparisons with Other States (As of 1/09)

No comparison states impose or allow a broad-based consumption tax in defined resort or tourist areas.