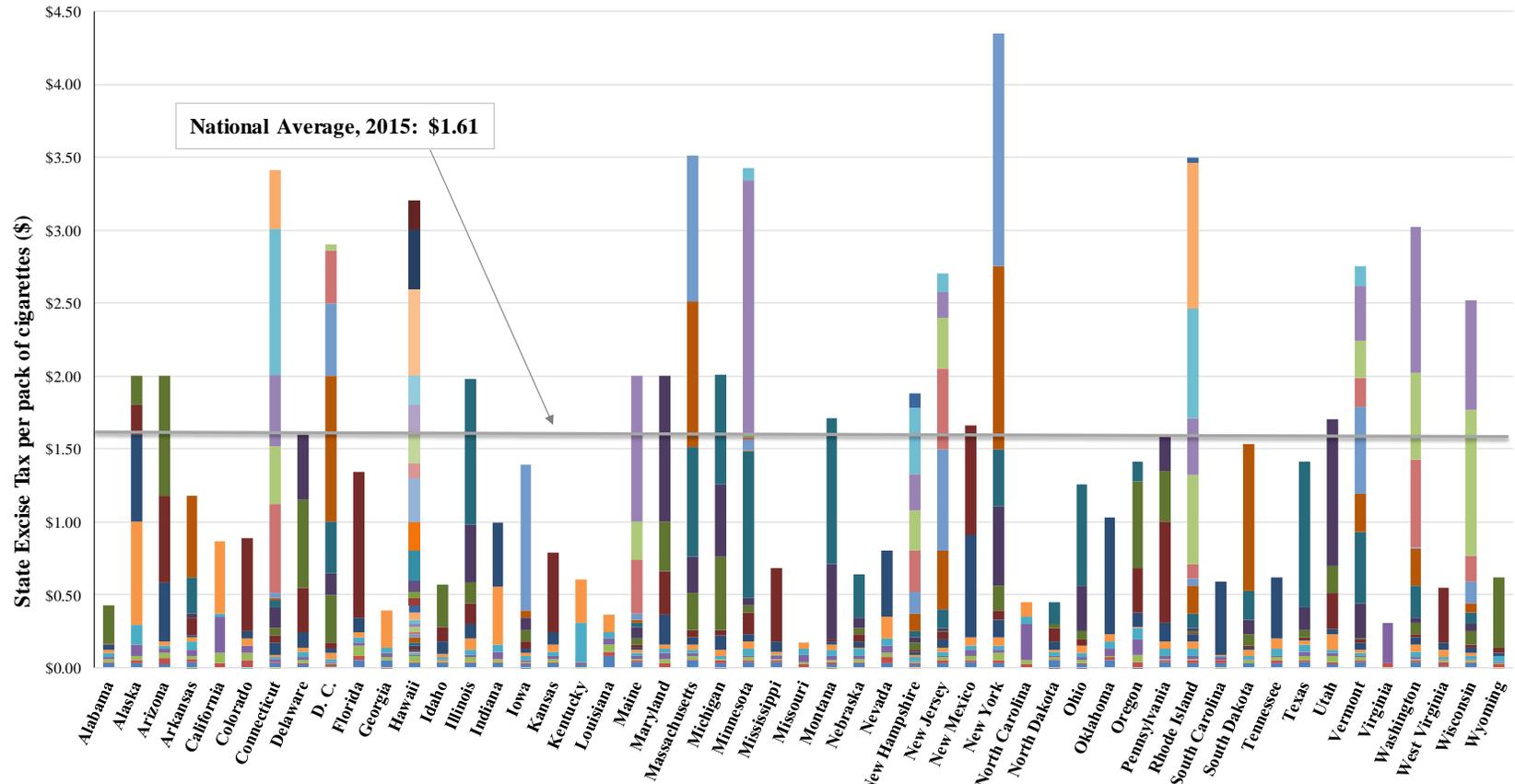


Comparing Increases in State Excise Taxes on Cigarettes, 1950 to 2015



Each state's excise tax bar in the graph begins in 1950 with a blue segment (for states that had any excise tax) or no blue segment (for states that had zero excise tax in 1950: California, Colorado, Maryland, Missouri, North Carolina, Oregon, Virginia and Wyoming). Alaska became a state in 1959, and Hawaii in 1960. Each additional color segment of a state's bar represents an increase in the state's excise tax since 1950. Each color segment also represents the amount of the increase, and the height of the bar indicates the current state excise tax (as of 2015). State excise taxes increased an average of 10 times per state since 1950 (ranging from 2 to 31 times). The average state excise tax in 2015 was \$1.61 per pack. The U.S. federal excise tax was \$1.01 per pack in 2015.

Data is derived from the publication *The Tax Burden on Tobacco, 2015, Volume 50*, Orzechowski and Walker. See notes concerning taxes in Minnesota and District of Columbia (D.C.).

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