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	<i>Up to 1%</i>	<i>Up to 1%</i>	<i>0.5% or 1%</i>	<i>0.5% or 1%</i>	<i>Up to 0.25%, 0.5%</i>	<i>0.5%</i>	<i>Up to 0.5%, 1%</i>	<i>Up to 0.5%</i>						
Alachua								3.5	0.0	3.5	0.5	0.0	0.5	
Baker				1				2.5	1.0	1.5	0.5	0.0	0.5	
Bay							0.5	3.0	0.0	3.0	0.5	0.5	0.0	
Bradford				1				2.5	1.0	1.5	0.5	0.0	0.5	
Brevard								3.0	0.0	3.0	0.5	0.0	0.5	
Broward								3.0	0.0	3.0	0.5	0.0	0.5	
Calhoun				1			0.5	2.5	1.0	1.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	
Charlotte			1					3.0	1.0	2.0	0.5	0.0	0.5	
Citrus								3.0	0.0	3.0	0.5	0.0	0.5	
Clay			1					3.0	1.0	2.0	0.5	0.0	0.5	
Collier								2.0	0.0	2.0	0.5	0.0	0.5	
Columbia				1				3.0	1.0	2.0	0.5	0.0	0.5	
DeSoto				1				2.5	1.0	1.5	0.5	0.0	0.5	
Dixie				1				2.5	1.0	1.5	0.5	0.0	0.5	
Duval	0.5		0.5					3.0	1.0	2.0	0.5	0.0	0.5	
Escambia			1				0.5	3.0	1.0	2.0	0.5	0.5	0.0	
Flagler			0.5				0.5	2.0	0.5	1.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	
Franklin				1				3.5	1.0	2.5	0.5	0.0	0.5	
Gadsden				1			0.5	2.5	1.5	1.0	0.5	0.0	0.5	
Gilchrist				1				2.5	1.0	1.5	0.5	0.0	0.5	
Glades			1					2.5	1.0	1.5	0.5	0.0	0.5	
Gulf				1				3.5	1.0	2.5	0.5	0.0	0.5	
Hamilton				1				2.5	1.0	1.5	0.5	0.0	0.5	
Hardee				1				2.5	1.0	1.5	0.5	0.0	0.5	
Hendry				1				2.5	1.0	1.5	0.5	0.0	0.5	
Hernando							0.5	3.0	0.0	3.0	0.5	0.5	0.0	
Highlands			1					2.0	1.0	1.0	0.5	0.0	0.5	
Hillsborough			0.5		0.5			3.0	1.0	2.0	0.5	0.0	0.5	
Holmes				1				2.5	1.0	1.5	0.5	0.0	0.5	
Indian River			1					2.0	1.0	1.0	0.5	0.0	0.5	
Jackson				1			0.5	2.0	1.0	1.0	0.5	0.5	0.0	
Jefferson				1				2.5	1.0	1.5	0.5	0.0	0.5	
Lafayette				1				2.5	1.0	1.5	0.5	0.0	0.5	
Lake			1					2.0	1.0	1.0	0.5	0.0	0.5	
Lee								3.0	0.0	3.0	0.5	0.0	0.5	
Leon			1				0.5	3.5	1.0	2.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	
Levy				1				2.5	1.0	1.5	0.5	0.0	0.5	
Liberty				1			0.5	2.5	1.0	1.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	
Madison				1				1.5	1.5	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.5	
Manatee							0.5	3.0	0.0	3.0	0.5	0.5	0.0	
Marion								2.0	0.0	2.0	0.5	0.0	0.5	
Martin								2.0	0.0	2.0	0.5	0.0	0.5	
Miami-Dade	0.5						0.5	2.0	1.0	1.0	0.5	0.0	0.5	
Monroe			1				0.5	2.0	1.0	1.0	0.5	0.5	0.0	
Nassau				1				2.0	1.0	1.0	0.5	0.0	0.5	
Okaloosa								3.0	0.0	3.0	0.5	0.0	0.5	
Okeechobee				1				2.5	1.0	1.5	0.5	0.0	0.5	
Orange								3.0	0.0	3.0	0.5	0.5	0.0	
Osceola			1					3.0	1.0	2.0	0.5	0.0	0.5	
Palm Beach								3.0	0.0	3.0	0.5	0.0	0.5	
Pasco			1					3.0	1.0	2.0	0.5	0.0	0.5	
Pinellas			1					3.0	1.0	2.0	0.5	0.0	0.5	
Polk							0.5	3.0	0.5	2.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	
Putnam			1					2.0	1.0	1.0	0.5	0.0	0.5	

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	St. Johns								2.0	0.0	2.0	0.5	0.0	0.5
St. Lucie							0.5	2.0	0.0	2.0	0.5	0.5	0.0	
Santa Rosa							0.5	3.0	0.0	3.0	0.5	0.5	0.0	
Sarasota			1					3.0	1.0	2.0	0.5	0.0	0.5	
Seminole								3.0	0.0	3.0	0.5	0.0	0.5	
Sumter				1				2.0	1.0	1.0	0.5	0.0	0.5	
Suwannee				1				2.5	1.0	1.5	0.5	0.0	0.5	
Taylor				1				2.5	1.0	1.5	0.5	0.0	0.5	
Union				1				2.5	1.0	1.5	0.5	0.0	0.5	
Volusia							0.5	3.0	0.0	3.0	0.5	0.5	0.0	
Wakulla			1					3.5	1.0	2.5	0.5	0.0	0.5	
Walton				1				3.0	1.0	2.0	0.5	0.0	0.5	
Washington				1				2.5	1.0	1.5	0.5	0.0	0.5	
# Eligible to Levy:	31	65	67	31	65	1	60	67	67			67		
# Levying:	2	0	18	28	1	1	3	15	48			15		

Notes:

- Boxed areas indicate those counties or school districts (for the School Capital Outlay Surtax only) eligible to impose the particular surtax.
- The Indigent Care and Trauma Center Surtax consists of two separate levies for different groups of eligible counties. Non-consolidated counties with a total population of 800,000 or more may impose, either by an extraordinary vote of the county's governing body or voter approval in a countywide referendum, a surtax not to exceed 0.5% for the purpose of funding health care services for qualified residents. Non-consolidated counties with a total population of less than 800,000 may impose, subject to voter approval in a countywide referendum, a surtax not to exceed 0.25% for the sole purpose of funding trauma services provided by a trauma center licensed pursuant to Chapter 395, Florida Statutes.
- Pursuant to ss. 212.055(2)(h) and 212.055(3)(f), F.S., a county shall not levy the Local Government Infrastructure, Small County, Indigent Care and Trauma Center, and County Public Hospital surtaxes in excess of a combined rate of 1%.
- Pursuant to s. 212.055(4)(b)5., F.S., a county shall not levy the Local Government Infrastructure, Small County, and Indigent Care and Trauma Center surtaxes in excess of a combined rate of 1%.
- Pursuant to s. 212.055(5)(f), F.S., a county shall not levy the Local Government Infrastructure, Small County, and County Public Hospital surtaxes in excess of a combined rate of 1%.
- Subject to referendum approval, the Voter-Approved Indigent Care Surtax may be levied by counties with less than 800,000 residents at a rate not to exceed 0.5%. However, if a publicly supported medical school is located within the qualifying county, the rate shall not exceed 1%, pursuant to s. 212.055(7)(a), F.S. Currently, Florida has publicly supported medical schools at the following universities: Florida International University in Miami-Dade County; Florida State University in Leon County; University of Central Florida in Orange County; University of Florida in Alachua County; and the University of South Florida in Hillsborough County. The Florida International University, University of Central Florida, and University of South Florida medical schools are each located in counties having a resident population greater than 800,000; therefore, Hillsborough, Miami-Dade, and Orange counties are not eligible to levy the surtax. Only Alachua and Leon counties could levy the surtax at the maximum 1% rate. Additionally, the governing body of any county that has a population of less than 50,000 residents may levy the surtax, at a rate not to exceed 1%, subject to voter approval in countywide referendum pursuant to Chapter 2005-242, Laws of Florida. Consequently, if a publicly supported medical school is located in the county, or the county has a population of less than 50,000 residents, the combined tax rate of this levy and any Local Government Infrastructure Surtax and Small County Surtax levies shall not exceed 1.5% pursuant to s. 212.055(7)(f), F.S. For all other counties eligible to levy this surtax, the combined tax rate shall not exceed 1%.
- Effective July 1, 2009, Chapter 2009-146, L.O.F., renamed the Charter County Transit System Surtax as the Charter County Transportation System Surtax and extended eligibility for surtax levy to 13 additional charter counties.
- Effective July 1, 2010, Chapter 2010-225, L.O.F., renames the Charter County Transportation System Surtax as the Charter County and Regional Transportation System Surtax and extends eligibility for surtax levy to each county that is within or under an interlocal agreement with a regional transportation or transit authority created under Chapters 343 or 349, Florida Statutes (i.e., South Florida Regional Transportation Authority, Central Florida Regional Transportation Authority, Northwest Florida Transportation Corridor Authority, Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority, and Jacksonville Transportation Authority). As a result of this legislation, seven counties within the Northwest Florida Transportation Corridor Authority (i.e., Bay, Escambia, Franklin, Gulf, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, and Walton) and four counties of the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority (i.e., Citrus, Hernando, Manatee, and Pasco) will be eligible to levy this surtax.
- Effective July 1, 2009, Chapter 2009-182, L.O.F., created the Emergency Fire Rescue Services and Facilities Surtax. A county's governing body, other than a county that has imposed two separate discretionary surtaxes without expiration, may levy this surtax at a rate of up to 1%, subject to voter approval in a countywide referendum. Madison and Miami-Dade counties are not eligible to levy this surtax since each county has imposed two separate discretionary surtaxes without expiration. The remaining 65 counties are eligible to levy this surtax. However, if Orange or Osceola impose the surtax, neither county shall levy the surtax within the boundaries of the Reedy Creek Improvement District pursuant to s. 212.055(8)(j), F.S.
- Since both the Charter County and Regional Transportation System Surtax and Emergency Fire Rescue Services and Facilities Surtax are not subject to any tax rate limitations, the maximum potential tax rates for nearly all county governments have increased since July 1, 2009. For Madison and Miami-Dade counties, the maximum potential tax rate has not changed. For 24 counties (i.e., Alachua, Bay, Brevard, Charlotte, Citrus, Clay, Columbia, Escambia, Franklin, Gulf, Hernando, Lee, Leon, Manatee, Okaloosa, Orange, Osceola, Palm Beach, Pasco, Polk, Santa Rosa, Seminole, Wakulla, and Walton), the maximum potential tax rate has increased by 2%. For all other counties, the maximum potential tax rate has increased by 1%. Currently, Alachua, Franklin, Gulf, Leon, and Wakulla counties have the highest maximum potential tax rate for county government levies at 3.5%.
- The following local discretionary sales surtax levies are scheduled to expire on December 31, 2012: Flagler County's 0.5% levy of the Local Government Infrastructure Surtax and Leon County's 0.5% levy of the School Capital Outlay Surtax.
- The following local discretionary sales surtax levy is scheduled to expire on December 31, 2013: Holmes County's 1% levy of the Small County Surtax.

Data Source: Florida Department of Revenue's "History of Local Sales Tax and Current Rates by County" (Last Updated: September 1, 2012) found at <https://revenue.law.state.fl.us/Pages/Home.aspx>