

How much is that fifth?

This chart compares what consumers pay for fifths of several popular brands of liquor in Washington to an average derived from prices last week at three private liquor stores in Fresno, Calif. The California prices include the California excise tax on liquor — 66 cents for a fifth — and the California state sales tax, which at 8.75 percent is the highest state sales tax in the nation.

	WASHINGTON	CALIFORNIA
Jack Daniels Whiskey	\$24.95	\$22.32
Gordon's Gin	\$12.45	\$21.58
Smirnoff vodka red label No. 21	\$15.95	\$14.35
Johnny Walker Black Label	\$39.95	\$36.53
Jose Cuervo Tequila	\$19.95	\$18.44