The Mississippi (Tax) Experience

The Mississippi Legislature increased the state cigarette tax from 18 cents to 68 cents on May 15, 2009. The average state cigarette tax is currently $1.79 and Mississippi’s tax ranks 40th as of December 21, 2018.

Packs Sold | 2008-2017

Revenues Collected | 2008-2017

These data from tax records clearly demonstrate that following the 2009 increase in the state cigarette tax, the number of packs of cigarettes sold in Mississippi decreased by more than 30%, while tax revenue from cigarette sales almost tripled.
Source:
- Orzechowski & Walker, Tax Burden on Tobacco, 2017

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