

MCP SERVER

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US Sales Tax Calculator MCP for AI Agents

Calculate State and Local Tax Obligations Across Any E-commerce Jurisdiction

US Sales Tax Calculator provides precise, real-time determination of US sales and use tax liabilities. It handles multi-layered taxation—state, county, city, and special districts—and accounts for complex sourcing rules. Your AI agents can verify exemptions for items like groceries or apparel and compute total tax due on any e-commerce transaction.

A+ Quality Score 100/100

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The connectivity layer between AI and the world's software.



Vinkius sits between AI and every application. All communication passes through Vinkius Cloud via the Model Context Protocol (MCP) — with governance, observability, and security at every layer.

Your AI Connections Run Through Vinkius Cloud

The world's largest
managed MCP catalog

Vinkius is the connectivity layer where AI connects to the software your business already runs. We handle the hosting, the security, the credentials, the uptime — you get agents that actually do things.

We operate the world's largest managed MCP catalog. Major SaaS platforms, CRMs, databases, and cloud providers — running, monitored, production-ready. This MCP server is hosted and maintained by the Vinkius Cloud for AI Agents.

The agent doesn't manage credentials, doesn't manage uptime, doesn't manage security. Vinkius does.

— Architecture principle

Four Pillars of the Vinkius Runtime

01 — Security by design

Credentials stay encrypted at rest via AES-256. The AI agent never touches raw keys — they're injected into a sandboxed V8 isolate at runtime. Actions are logged, and connections have an emergency kill switch.

03 — Deterministic observability

Eight immutable metrics per endpoint: request volume, p95 latency, error rate, active connections, cost attribution. A live payload feed logs every tool call with mutation detection.

02 — Built on MCP Fusion

This MCP server was built with **MCP Fusion**, the open-source framework (Apache 2.0) that powers the entire Vinkius catalog. Schema-as-firewall strips undeclared fields, compiled PII redaction runs at zero overhead, and cryptographic lockfiles produce git-diffable audit trails.

04 — Autonomous operations

Servers are deployed, monitored, and patched autonomously. New capabilities and security patches ship weekly. Zero-downtime deployments ensure continuous availability across all managed MCP servers.

AES-256

Encryption at rest

Ed25519

PKI vault signatures

24h TTL

Ephemeral session keys

V8 Isolate

Sandboxed execution

One Token. Instant Access.

Every MCP server on Vinkius is accessed through a **Connection Token**. Tokens are generated in the cloud dashboard and produce a unique MCP endpoint URL. Paste this URL into any MCP-compatible client — no SDK required.

A single token can serve **multiple AI clients simultaneously**, or you can issue separate tokens per client for granular access control. Each token tracks its own request count, last activity timestamp, and can be individually enabled or revoked.

MCP ENDPOINT

`https://edge.vinkius.com/{token}/mcp`

Claude



Cursor



VS Code



Windsurf



Grok



Gemini

Security Is the Architecture

Security in Vinkius is not a feature — it's the foundation of the runtime. The gateway enforces multiple independent protection layers between AI agents and third-party APIs.

01 — Ed25519 PKI Vault

Every workspace has an Ed25519 Master Key. Session keys are generated ephemerally (24h TTL) and signed by the Master Key. Credentials never leave the vault boundary.

02 — V8 Isolate Sandboxing

Tool code runs inside isolated-vm V8 isolates with 64 MB memory caps and per-request timeouts. No filesystem access, no network access except through the SSRF-guarded fetch bridge.

03 — SSRF Guard

All outbound HTTP requests are DNS-resolved and validated before execution. Private IP ranges (10.x, 172.16-31.x, 192.168.x, AWS metadata 169.254.x) are blocked at the network layer.

05 — Cryptographic Audit Trail

Every request is signed into a SHA-256 hash chain with Ed25519 signatures. Events form a tamper-proof, SIEM-exportable forensic record.

04 — DLP & PII Redaction

A ResponseGuard pipeline intercepts every tool response. Configurable redaction patterns strip sensitive fields (emails, SSNs, card numbers) before data reaches the AI agent.

06 — Honeypot Trap System

Phantom credentials are injected into isolated environments. If a honeypot is used outside Vinkius infrastructure, the server is quarantined instantly.

Emergency Kill Switch

EU AI Act Art. 14(1)
Compliant

The kill switch is an **emergency halt** mechanism — not a simple toggle. When triggered, it executes three actions atomically:

01 — Server deactivated

The MCP server is immediately taken offline across the entire cluster.

02 — All tokens revoked

Every connection token is invalidated. Total lockout — reconnection blocked until new tokens are issued.

03 — WebSocket connections killed

Active connections terminated via Redis pubsub broadcast. Propagates to every runtime node in the cluster.

Full Visibility. Zero Guesswork.

The Vinkius cloud dashboard includes a full MCP Governance suite — real-time analytics and security controls for production AI operations.

Control Plane

KPI dashboard with request volume, latency, success rate, token consumption, and AI-generated operational briefings.

FinOps

Cost tracking per tool, payload compression savings, budget optimization signals, and consumption trends.

Firewall & DLP

PII redaction activity, sensitive data protection counters, and security event timeline.

Agent Activity

Which AI clients are connecting, how often, and what they're doing — real-time session tracking.

Tool Health

Slowest and most error-prone tools, with actionable root-cause insights and performance baselines.

Incident Log

Error trends, failure rates, status-code breakdowns, and forensic audit trail access.

Get started at cloud.vinkius.com — connect your AI agent in under 60 seconds.

US Sales Tax Calculator MCP

3 tools available

Cloud-hosted on Vinkius

Calculating state and local taxes used to be a nightmare of spreadsheets, jurisdiction codes, and conflicting sourcing rules. This MCP solves that headache by giving your AI client immediate access to complex US tax law. It determines the exact tax owed for any transaction based on both where the item is sold from and where it's being delivered. You can use this MCP with any compatible agent via Vinkius, letting them talk directly to real-time tax data. Instead of guessing or relying on outdated rates, your workflow gets accurate liabilities instantly. Your agents can determine full rate breakdowns for a ZIP code using the `get_jurisdiction_rates` tool, calculate total taxes for specific purchases with `calculate_transaction_tax`, and even confirm if an item category is exempt before checkout using `check_item_exemption`. It's built to bridge your AI workflow directly to current US tax data, letting you move faster and reduce financial risk.

Core Capabilities

01 — Determine full local tax rates

Retrieves the complete breakdown of state, county, city, and special district taxes for any given ZIP code.

02 — Calculate total transaction tax liability

Computes the exact total tax amount owed on a specific product purchase or service transaction.

03 — Verify item tax exemptions

Checks if a listed product category, such as groceries or books, is legally exempt from sales tax in a particular state.

One Click on Vinkius — From Prompt to Execution

Available at vinkius.com/mcp/us-sales-tax-calculator — connect your AI agent in three steps.

- 01** You prompt your AI client with the necessary details: the source location (ZIP code), destination location, item type, and price.
- 02** The MCP processes these variables through its tax engine, applying current multi-layered US jurisdiction rules and sourcing logic.
- 03** Your agent receives a structured output detailing the exact total tax owed, including any exemptions or rate breakdowns.

The bottom line is that your AI client gets immediate, legally accurate tax calculations without needing to consult external databases or run complex scripts.

Built For

Anyone building e-commerce tools that operate nationally needs this. If you're wrestling with multi-state sales tax compliance, especially for digital goods or physical products sold across state lines, stop clicking through rate tables and let your AI agent handle it.

E-Commerce Developer

Integrates tax logic into checkout flows by connecting the MCP to verify rates before payment processing.

Financial Analyst

Runs compliance checks and models potential revenue impacts based on changing state tax legislation.

Operations Manager

Ensures billing processes are compliant across multiple jurisdictions, especially when dealing with different item exemptions.

What Changes When You Connect

- 01 Eliminate tax guesswork. Use the `get_jurisdiction_rates` tool to pull a full, accurate breakdown of state, county, city, and local rates for any ZIP code.
- 02 Improve checkout accuracy. The `calculate_transaction_tax` function computes precise liabilities, handling complex destination-based sourcing rules automatically.
- 03 Reduce compliance risk instantly. Use the `check_item_exemption` tool to verify if specific goods—like health supplies or books—are exempt in a given state.
- 04 Streamline development time. Instead of building custom tax logic, you let your agent call this MCP for reliable, current rate data.
- 05 Handle complex pricing models. It correctly computes taxes even when dealing with pre-tax and tax-inclusive pricing structures.

Real-World Applications

A new state requires a special district tax.

The agent needs to know the immediate impact of a new local levy. By calling `get_jurisdiction_rates` for the target area, the user gets the updated rate structure immediately, ensuring their site doesn't under-collect taxes.

A client asks about selling apparel vs. groceries.

The user runs `check_item_exemption` on both 'apparel' and 'groceries' for California. The agent confirms the state rate applies to one but exempts the other, letting the business adjust its pricing model.

A customer purchases electronics from out of state.

The agent calculates the total tax due by running `calculate_transaction_tax`, correctly applying the destination state's rules to the item, giving the customer a final, accurate checkout total.

Patterns to Avoid

Assuming a single combined tax rate

X AVOID

A developer only uses a basic lookup table for a ZIP code and applies one flat percentage to all transactions. This fails when the location has multiple, layered taxes (state + county + city).

✓ INSTEAD

You must use ``get_jurisdiction_rates`` first. This tool breaks down the total tax into individual components (state rate, county rate, etc.), giving you the granular data needed for compliance.

Ignoring item-specific exemptions

X AVOID

The system calculates tax on a \$100 purchase of books because it treats all items equally. This overcharges the customer and risks non-compliance.

✓ INSTEAD

Run ``check_item_exemption`` for product categories like 'books' or 'medical supplies.' The MCP confirms if that item type is exempt, ensuring you only tax what needs taxing.

Mixing up origin and destination rules

X AVOID

The system charges the tax based on where it physically ships from (origin) instead of where the customer lives (destination). This violates current e-commerce law.

✓ INSTEAD

Always use ``calculate_transaction_tax`` while specifying the destination ZIP code. The tool handles the required sourcing logic to ensure you collect taxes correctly.

The Right Fit

Use this MCP if your business sells physical goods or services across multiple US states and needs automated, compliant tax calculations at checkout. You need it when you can't afford incorrect tax billing because of layered state/county rates. Don't use it if your sales are confined to a single jurisdiction with no local variation in taxes; that requires less complexity. Also, don't use it just to check general pricing; this is purely for determining the legal tax amount, not the item price itself.

US Sales Tax Calculator MCP: Solving Multi-State E-commerce Compliance Issues

Manual compliance means maintaining massive databases of state and local rates. When a county passes a new fee or a city adjusts its rate, your team has to update dozens of spreadsheets, risking inaccurate charges until the patch goes live.

With this MCP, your agent handles it. Instead of updating internal tables, you simply call `get_jurisdiction_rates` and get the current, verified tax breakdown for any location. You get real-time accuracy without touching a single database record.

US Sales Tax Calculator MCP: Accurate Product Taxation Across Jurisdictions

The biggest headache is knowing which products are exempt. Are groceries okay? Is clothing taxed if shipped out of state? This requires constantly cross-referencing product categories against dozens of state tax codes.

Now, your agent uses `check_item_exemption` to confirm the legal status for every item in a cart. It tells you exactly what can be excluded from calculation, giving you confidence that your final checkout total is both accurate and compliant.

Calculating US Sales Taxes with 3 Tools for E-commerce Finance

Use these tools to calculate exact sales, use, and local taxes across any US jurisdiction, check exemptions, and retrieve full rate breakdowns.

#	TOOL	DESCRIPTION
01	<code>calculate_transaction_tax</code>	Determines the total sales and use tax liability for a complete transaction based on provided items and locations.
02	<code>check_item_exemption</code>	Confirms whether a specified product category, like apparel or groceries, is exempt from state tax in a given region.
03	<code>get_jurisdiction_rates</code>	Retrieves the full breakdown of local sales tax rates for any specific US ZIP code.

See It in Action

Real prompts you can use once this MCP is connected to your AI agent through Vinkius Cloud.

U What's the tax rate breakdown for 100 West Loop, Chicago, IL?



Tax Rate Breakdown for ZIP Code 60654 (Chicago)

State Tax: 6.25%

- **County Tax:** 1.75%
- **City/Local District Tax:** 2.00%
- **Total Combined Rate:** 10.00%

**Note: This rate is subject to change by state law.

U Calculate tax for a \$50 pair of jeans shipped from New York to Florida.



Tax Calculation Summary

- Item Price: \$50.00
- Origin State: NY (Non-taxable source)
- Destination State: FL
- Applicable Tax Rate: 6.0% (FL State Rate)
- Total Tax Due: **\$3.00**
- Final Total: **\$53.00**

U Is a shipment containing both baby formula and toys taxable in Massachusetts?



Tax Exemption Check (Massachusetts)

The MCP confirms that the following items are treated differently:

- 🍼 **Baby Formula:** Exempt from state sales tax.
- 🧸 **Toys/Apparel:** Subject to standard local district taxes.

Be sure to calculate tax only on the taxable goods.

Frequently Asked Questions

01 How does the US Sales Tax Calculator MCP handle rates in different states?

The MCP automatically handles state, county, city, and special district layers. You just provide the ZIP code, and it gives you a precise, combined rate that includes every local tax component.

02 Can I use this MCP to calculate taxes for international sales?

No. This tool is built specifically for US jurisdiction rules and cannot calculate tax liabilities for transactions occurring outside of the United States.

03 Does the US Sales Tax Calculator MCP account for item exemptions like food?

Yes, it does. You can use the MCP to check if specific product categories, such as groceries or certain medical supplies, are exempt in a given state before running your final tax calculation.

04 What kind of data do I need for the US Sales Tax Calculator MCP?

You need three things: the source ZIP code (where the item is shipped from), the destination ZIP code (where the customer lives), and a list of items with their prices.

05 Is this better than using a spreadsheet for tax compliance?







Absolutely. Spreadsheets are static and outdated quickly. The MCP connects to live data sources, ensuring that when you run the calculation, you get rates reflecting current state and local law.

Go Live in 60 Seconds

Get your connection token from cloud.vinkius.com, then paste the endpoint URL into any MCP-compatible client.

YOUR MCP ENDPOINT

```
https://edge.vinkius.com/[TOKEN]/mcp
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CLIENT	WHERE TO CONFIGURE
 Claude AI	Profile → Customize → Connectors → "+" → Add custom connector → Paste endpoint
 Cursor	Settings → Features → MCP Servers → "+ Add New MCP Server" → Type: SSE → Paste endpoint
 VS Code	Ctrl/Cmd+Shift+P → "MCP: Add Server" → add <code>"us-sales-tax-calculator": { "url": "..." }</code>
 Windsurf	MCP Settings → <code>mcp_settings.json</code> → Add endpoint URL
 ChatGPT	Settings → Tools & plugins → Add MCP server → Paste endpoint
 Gemini	Extensions → Add MCP Server → Paste endpoint URL

ASK AN AI ABOUT THIS

Let your preferred AI explain this MCP server

-  **Ask ChatGPT** 
-  **Ask Claude** 
-  **Ask Perplexity** 
-  **Ask Gemini** 
-  **Ask Grok** 

READY TO CONNECT

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Get your connection token, paste it into your AI agent, and
start building. No SDK. No deployment. Just results.

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