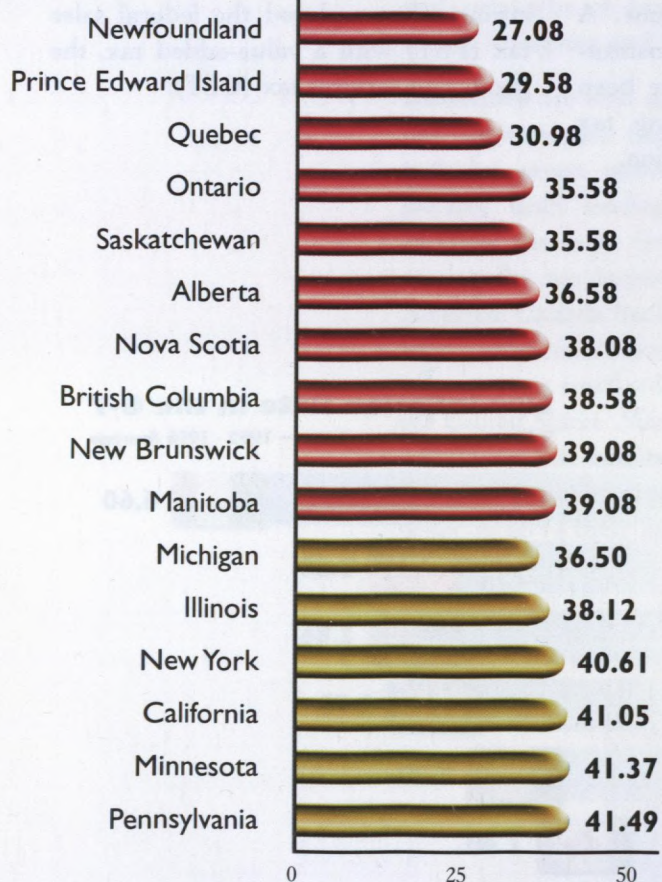




Competitive Manufacturing Corporate Tax Rates

Combined federal/provincial
or federal/state rates — December 31, 1995

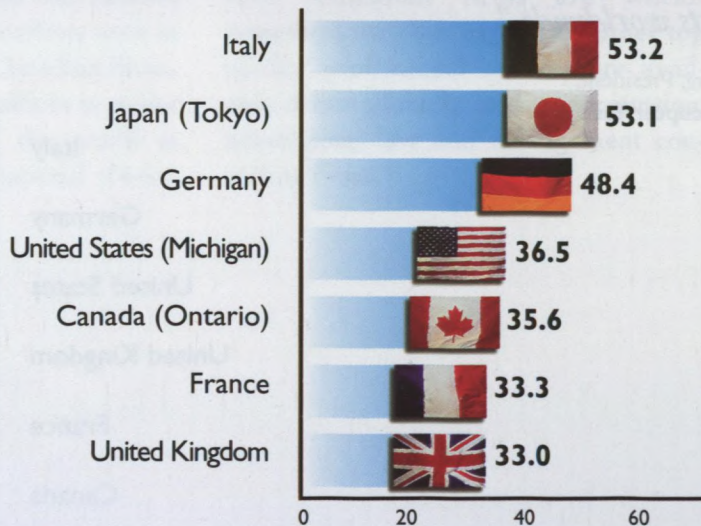


Sources: Price Waterhouse, *Corporate Tax Strategy*, 1995-1996; CCH INC. *State Tax Handbook*, 1995.

The GST is a tax on the consumption of goods and services in Canada designed to be paid by the ultimate consumer or purchaser. Businesses are charged the tax on all their purchases of goods and services but are subsequently entitled to a full refund of the tax, thereby eliminating the cascading effect and ensuring that the tax applies only on the value of final consumer sales.

Competitive Manufacturing Corporate Tax Rates

Average corporate tax rate — January 1, 1994



Note: Tokyo includes municipal and prefectures taxes.

Sources: CCH Canadian Limited, 1995; Price Waterhouse, *Corporate Taxes: A Worldwide Summary*, 1995.