

State Registration Fees For Passenger Vehicles As of 04/01/03

State	Registration Fee*	Effective Date**	Notes
Alabama	24.25	06/01/84	Flat fee plus a \$1.25 issuance fee
Alaska	34	1997	Flat fee, \$68 for a two-year period
Arizona	8	01/01/74	Flat fee
Arkansas	17	1982	Unladen weight groups: \$17 for 3,000 lbs or less; \$25 for 3,001 to 4,500 lbs; \$30 for 4,501 lbs and over
California	28	11/01/97	Flat fee
Colorado	26.6	07/01/01	\$6 for less than 2,000 lbs + \$.20 extra per 100 lbs. over 2,000 lbs up to 4,500; \$12.50 + \$.60 each extra 100 lbs greater than 4,500 lbs; fee structure is reduced if fund is in surplus
Connecticut	35	1992	Flat fee. \$70.00 every 2 years plus \$4.00 renewal fee
Delaware	20	1965	Flat fee. \$20.00 per year of registration
District of Columbia	72	03/06/03	Below 3,500 lbs: \$72; 3,500 lbs or above: \$115
Florida	35.6	1984	Initial registration: \$100; Vehicle under 2,500 lbs: \$27.60; Vehicle between 2,500-2,499; \$35.60; Vehicle 3,500 or more: \$45.60
Georgia	20	06/01/92	Flat fee
Hawaii	88.7	10/01/91	State Registration fees are \$20 for all motor vehicles plus an applicable weight tax. \$.075 per pound for every vehicle up to 4,000 lbs net weight; \$.01 per pound for every vehicle between 4,000 and 7,000 pounds; \$.0125 per pound for every vehicle between 7,000 and 10,000 lbs; and \$150 flat rate for every vehicle over 10,000 lbs. The various counties have additional rate fees as well.
Idaho	29.25	10/01/00	Rate depends on vehicle age and county of residence; Age groups: \$24 for vehicles over 8 years old to \$48 for vehicles 1 and 2 years old
Illinois	78	07/01/99	Flat fee
Indiana	12.75	07/01/91	Flat fee--A 25 cent Public Safety fee and a 50 cent financial responsibility fee are included in this sum
Iowa	75	1923	Vehicle registration fee is based on the number of model years and then subsequently the formula is based on a percentage of the vehicle's value as decided by the Dept. of Motor Vehicles plus \$.40 for each 100 lbs or fraction thereof the vehicle's weight (i.e., motor vehicle not more than 5 model years old has a fee of 1% of the value plus \$.40 for each 100 lbs or fraction thereof
Kansas	30	07/01/02	Gross weight groups: \$30 for 4,500 lbs or less; \$40 for more than 4,500 lbs
Kentucky	11.5	07/01/90	Flat fee
Louisiana	30	?	Based on the selling price of the vehicle. For vehicles under \$10,000, the fee is \$10. For vehicles in value over \$10,000, \$1 per \$1,000 over \$10,000 is added to the \$10 base; sold in two-year increments, therefore the minimum is \$20
Maine	25	10/01/99	Flat fee
Maryland	38	07/01/01	\$76 for vehicles 3,700 lbs. or less; \$103 for vehicles over 3,700 lbs. every two years.
Massachusetts	18	10/01/02	Flat, \$36 two-year fee
Michigan	58	10/01/83	If vehicle model is earlier than 1983, then fee depends on weight. If vehicle model is 1983 or later, the fee depends on the list price of the vehicle Range is from \$33 to \$148 for vehicles priced from \$0 to \$30,000 for the first registration. Registration fee declines by 10% each year until the 5th renewal
Minnesota	125	07/01/00	Registration tax system for passenger class vehicles. This means that the tax is determined in part upon the base value of the vehicle as provided by the manufacturer when the vehicle was new, and the age of the vehicle. The first registration renewal of a vehicle will cost no more than \$189, and the second and subsequent renewals will have a cap of \$99
Mississippi	23.75	1987	Flat fee. \$8.75 decal fee plus \$15 privilege tax. Ad valorem taxes are changed yearly An additional \$1.25 is assessed when new plates are issued
Missouri	24	09/01/84	Registration fee based on horsepower: Between 9 and less than 12: \$18; 12 and less than 24: \$21; 24 and less than 36: \$24; 36 and less than 48: \$33; 48 and less than 60: \$39; 60 and less than 72: \$45; 72 and higher: \$51
Montana	18.75	01/01/01	Less than 2,850 lbs= \$13.75; 2,850 lbs. or more = \$18.75
Nebraska	20	1993	Flat fee rate is \$15; additional fees are added to be distributed to various funds
Nevada	33	07/01/91	Flat fee
New Hampshire	37.2	2001	Gross weight groups: \$25.20 for 3,000 lbs or less to 84 cents per cwt. for 8,001 lbs. and above

New Jersey	43.5	06/01/03	Shipping weight groups and age: \$32.50 for under 2700 lbs and 1970 or older; \$41.50 for 2700--3800 lbs and 1970 or older; \$62.50 for 1970 or older and over 3800 lbs, etc.; For 1980 and newer under 3500 lbs, more than 2 years old the rate is \$43.50; for 1980 and newer vehicles under 3500 lbs which are fewer than 2 years old, the rate is \$56; for 1980 and newer over 3500 lbs but more than 2 yrs. old, the fee is \$68.50, etc.
New Mexico	23	1987	Shipping weight groups and age: \$20 to \$46 for 1-year and \$39 to \$91 for 2-year; \$1 annual tire recycling fee added in 1994
New York	24.85	07/01/98	Varies based on weight; 86 cents per cwt. or major fraction thereof for 3,500 lbs or less plus \$1.29 per cwt. or major fraction thereof over 3,500 lbs rounded to the nearest 25 cents. Minimum \$13.80 (less than six cylinders); \$17.25 (six cylinders or more). Maximum \$74.75
North Carolina	20	08/01/91	Flat fee
North Dakota	63	06/01/03	Annual fee varies based on weight and 1st year of registration; went up \$3 this past session
Ohio	20	1980	Goes up 11 dollars 10/1/03
Oklahoma	55	10/01/00	Based on the number of years registered; for vehicles registered between 1 and 4 years, the fee is \$85; for 5-8, the fee is \$75; 9-12, the fee is \$55
Oregon	15	1989	Flat, \$30 two-year fee
Pennsylvania	36	07/01/97	Flat fee
Rhode Island	30	1990	Flat fee ; in 1995 a \$6 fee was imposed for reflectorized license plates upon first registration
South Carolina	12	1987	Flat fee, \$24 for a two-year period; for people 65 years or older or handicapped, the fee is \$20
South Dakota	30	1999	Based on shipping weight groups and age; For vehicles less than 2,00 lbs. and less than 5 years old: \$30; less than 2,000 lbs. and five years or older: \$21; 2,001-4,000 and less than 5 years old: \$42; 2,0001-4000 lbs. and 5 yrs. and older: \$29.40, etc.
Tennessee	25	1999	Flat fee
Texas	50.8	08/01/84	Based on age groups or flat rate and gross weight; For vehicles 6,000 lbs or less and between 4-6 years old: \$50.50
Utah	21	07/01/97	Flat fee for different weight groups, e.g., For vehicles under 12,000 lbs.: \$21
Vermont	50	07/01/02	Flat fee/biennial fee is \$90
Virginia	30.5	07/01/02	Flat fee for different weight groups, e.g., 30.50 for 4,000 lbs or less
Washington	30.5	01/01/00	Flat fee; includes a \$.50 special fee
West Virginia	30	1996	Flat fee for all vehicles weighing under 8,000 lbs; a \$1.50 fee is included in this sum
Wisconsin	45	12/31/97	Flat fee
Wyoming	15	1960	Flat fee
Average	34.64		
Sources: US Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, "Summary of State Motor-Vehicle Registration Fee Schedules," January 2001, available at http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/ohim/hwytaxes/2001/pt11.htm ; National Automobile Dealers' Association; American Automobile Association and as reported by various state authorities to Clark D. Asay, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel.			
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*When the fee is based on weight, age, price of the vehicle, or a combination of the three, the fee given in this table reflects the fee that would be assessed to an average passenger vehicle. A 1992 4-door sedan of 3,111 lbs empty weight was selected as the "average" passenger vehicle.			
**As reported by various state representatives to Mr. Asay and/or collected via LexisNexis by Mr. Asay.			