

State Registration Fees for Passenger Vehicles

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State	Fee	Year Effective	Type of fee	Notes
Alabama	\$23	1984	Flat	Up to 8,000 lbs. gross weight. Excludes \$1.25 issuance fee
Alaska	\$50	2003	Flat	\$100 biennial fee
Arizona	\$8	1974	Flat	\$8.25 in Tucson and Phoenix
Arkansas	\$25	1982	Weight-based	3,000 lbs. or less = \$17; 3,001 to 4,000 lbs. = \$25; 4,501 lbs. or greater = \$30
California	\$31	2004	Flat	Excludes a \$9 CHP fee
Colorado	\$12	2001	Weight-based	2,000 lbs. or less = \$10; each additional 100 lbs. = \$0.20 up to 4,500 lbs.; \$17.50 + \$0.60 each additional 100 lbs. greater than 4,500 lbs. Fee structure is reduced if fund is in surplus.
Connecticut	\$37.50	2004	Flat	\$75 biennial fee excludes a \$4 renewal fee.
Delaware	\$20	1965	Flat	
D.C.	\$72	2003	Weight-based	3,500 lbs. and below = \$72; 3,501 lbs. and greater = \$115
Florida	\$35.60	1984	Weight-based	Initial registration = \$100; Vehicles 2,500 lbs. and below = \$27.60; 2,501 to 3,499 lbs = \$35.60; 3,500 lbs. and greater = \$45.60
Georgia	\$20	1992	Flat	
Hawaii	\$37	1991	Flat	All vehicles have a flat \$20 state registration fee. Each vehicle is also subject to a county fee, which varies from county to county (\$17 in this case for Hawaii county).
Idaho	\$52	2000	Age-based	Rate depends on age and county of residence. Registration fee is a fee in lieu of property tax and includes \$36 for registration and \$16 Ada County highway development fee.
Illinois	\$78	1999	Flat	
Indiana	\$20.75	2004	Flat	
Iowa	\$75	1923	Weight, age, value-based, & flat	For vehicles up to 4 years old = 1% of vehicle value + \$0.40 for each 100 lbs. The fee schedule continues to use this basic formula except that it uses an increasingly smaller percentage of the vehicle value the older the vehicle gets. Vehicles older than 1994 incur a flat fee of \$35.
Kansas	\$28	2004	Weight-based	4,500 lbs. or less = \$28; greater than 4,500 lbs. = \$38
Kentucky	\$11.50	1990	Flat	
Louisiana	\$10	1999	Value-based	Biennial fee: Vehicles with value less than \$10,000 = \$20; Vehicles with value more than \$10,000 = \$20 plus \$1 per \$1,000 over \$10,000.
Maine	\$25	1999	Flat	
Maryland	\$50.50	2004	Weight-based	Vehicles 3,700 lbs. or less = \$128; greater than 3,700 lbs. = \$180. Excludes a \$13.50 EMS surcharge
Mass.	\$20.50	2004	Flat	\$41 biennial fee
Michigan	\$72	1983	Value & Age-based	For vehicles 1984 or newer = fee depends on a percentage of the MSRP. For vehicles older than 1984 = fee is based on the vehicle weight (weight-based fees range from \$14 to \$135)
Minnesota	\$99	2000	Value-based	First registration renewal = no more than \$189. Second and subsequent renewals = no more than \$99. Minimum fee for vehicles 10 years old and older = \$35. Registration fee is in-lieu of property tax.
Mississippi	\$28	2004	Flat	Fee includes \$15 bridge fee.

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Missouri	\$51.25	1984	HP-based	Any vehicle with more than 72 horsepower = \$51.25; Excludes a \$3.50 processing fee
Montana	\$18.75	2004	Weight-based	3,000 lbs. or greater = \$18.75; 2,999 lbs. or less = \$13.75
Nebraska	\$20	1993	Flat	Base fee is \$20, excludes \$5.75 in other fees and charges
Nevada	\$33	1991	Flat	\$33 for 1 st 4 cars, \$16.50 for 5-6 cars, \$12 for 7-8 cars, \$8 for 9 or more
N. Hampshire	\$37.20	2001	Weight-based	Less than 3,000 lbs. = \$25.20; 3,001 to 5,000 lbs. = \$37.20; 5,001 to 8,000 lbs. = \$49.20; over 8,001 lbs. = \$0.84 per 100 lbs.
New Jersey	\$43.50	2003	Age & Weight-based	Fees range from \$32.50 to \$81.
New Mexico	\$48.50	2004	Age & Weight based	Fees range from \$25.50 to \$60.50.
New York	\$21.25	2004	Weight -based	Biennial fee. Fees range from \$20.50 to \$112 (in this case \$42.50). There is a minimum \$26 fee for any vehicle with 6 cylinders or more.
N. Carolina	\$20	1991	Flat	Fees range from \$20 to \$25 depending on the county of residence.
North Dakota	\$82	2004	Age & weight-based	Fee depends on weight and the first year the vehicle was registered.
Ohio	\$54	2004	Flat	
Oklahoma	\$83	2004	Age-based	Fees are based on years of registration. Fees range from \$23 (17 years) to \$93 (1-4 years)
Oregon	\$54	2004	Flat	
Pennsylvania	\$36	1997	Flat	
Rhode Island	\$30	1990	Flat	\$60 biennial fee
S. Carolina	\$12	1987	Flat	\$24 biennial fee
South Dakota	\$38.50	1999	Age & weight-based	Fees range from \$38.50 (under 8,000 lbs. and 5 years old) to \$58 (under 10,000 lbs and 0-4 years old).
Tennessee	\$24	2004	Flat	
Texas	\$50.80	2004	Age & weight based	Vehicles 6,000 lbs. or less and 1998 and older = \$40.80, 1999-2001 = \$50.80, 2002 or newer = \$58.80
Utah	\$21	2004	Flat	Vehicles under 12,000 lbs. = \$21. Excludes \$1 electronic payment fee.
Vermont	\$50	2002	Flat	A \$92 biennial fee is available
Virginia	\$29.50	2004	Weight-based	Vehicles less than 4,000 lbs = \$29.50, more than 4,000 lbs. = \$34.50
Washington	\$30	2000	Flat	Includes \$0.50 servicing fee
West Virginia	\$30	1996	Flat	Vehicles under 8,000 lbs
Wisconsin	\$55	2003	Flat	
Wyoming	\$15	1960	Flat	
Average	\$37.84	1995		

- Fees are for an “average” passenger vehicle: **1999 Ford Taurus 4-door sedan, 3,300 lbs., current value (Kelly Blue Book) = \$7,235; MSRP (in 1999) = \$17,560.**
- Chart reflects registration fees only— not ad valorem property taxes or other fees unless otherwise noted.
- This chart reflects fees for passenger vehicles and light trucks only.

Sources:

- *Digest of Motor Laws 70th Edition 2004*, American Automobile Association

- Individual state agency websites
- Personal interviews with various state authorities

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