Arkansas Car Registration Fees (2026)

Fee summary from vehiclefeecalculator.com/arkansas/ · Rates checked October 21, 2026 · Next monthly check: November 2026

How much does it cost to register a car in Arkansas? $17 to $30 a year by weight ($25 for most sedans), plus a $2.50 decal and $0.50 postage. Electric cars add $200 a year, plug-in hybrids $100 and hybrids $50. Buying a car adds the $10 title and 6.5% state sales tax; used cars under $10,000 pay less. Local sales tax applies only to the first $2,500 of the price.

Fees at a glance (2026)

Registration, passenger car	$17 (to 3,000 lbs) / $25 (to 4,500) / $30 (heavier) a year
Truck, 1/2 to 1 ton	$21/yr
Motorcycle	$7/yr (under 250cc $3)
Decal and postage	$2.50 + $0.50 per registration
Electric / plug-in hybrid / hybrid	$200 / $100 / $50 a year
Title fee	$10
Sales tax	6.5% (used: none under $4,000, 3.5% to $9,999) + local tax on the first $2,500
Personal property tax	Assessed and billed by your county, not in our total

Starting example

Example for a $30,000 car. Change the inputs on the calculator page for your own figures.

Registration (1 yr) By unladen weight	$25.00
Validation decal fee	$2.50
Postage	$0.50
County personal property tax Billed by your county; not in this total	not available
Title fee	$10.00
State sales tax 6.5% of price	$1,950.00
Local sales tax Enter your local rate	not available
Estimated total	**$1,988.00**

The total leaves out items marked "not available".

What this estimate does and does not include

• Personal property tax isn't in the total. Your county assesses the vehicle every year (20% of market value x local millage) and bills the tax separately, but the DFA needs proof of assessment and payment before you can register or renew.

• Used vehicles: sales tax depends on the total price before any trade-in. Under $4,000: no tax. $4,000 to $9,999: 3.5%. $10,000 or more: 6.5%. A trade-in, or a car you sell privately within 60 days before or after the purchase (your name must be on both titles), lowers the taxed price.

• Local sales tax: city and county taxes apply only to the first $2,500 of the price, so at most $25 per 1% of local rate. The DFA's local rate chart wasn't available to us, so type your rate; blank shows it as not available.

• The 'SB49' used-car tiers some websites show ($10,000 exempt, $15,000 at 3.5%) never became law: the bill died in interim study in 2025.

• Not included: special-license-unit plate postage (+$1), heavier trucks and trailers. Register within 60 days of buying; late registration costs $3 per 10 days, up to the yearly fee, and unpaid tax a 10% penalty.

Official sources

Arkansas DFA - Motor vehicle fee schedule (title $10, lien $0.50; passenger cars $17 up to 3,000 lbs, $25 to 4,500 lbs, $30 over; trucks 1/2 to 1 ton $21; motorcycles $7 / $3; decal $2.50, postage $0.50; EV $200, plug-in hybrid $100, hybrid $50 a year; tag transfer $1)
https://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/office/motor-vehicle/
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Arkansas DFA - DSMV FAQs (duplicate title $10; register within 60 days; proof of property tax assessment and payment required; late penalty $3 per 10 days)
https://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/office/motor-vehicle/faqs-for-dsmv/
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Arkansas Code 26-52-324, 26-52-510, 26-82-115 via the Arkansas Legislature (used vehicles: no tax under $4,000, 3.5% from $4,000 to $9,999; trade-in deducted; local tax only on the first $2,500)
https://arkleg.state.ar.us
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Arkansas DFA - Calculate State Sales Tax page (tax on the gross purchase price less any trade-in or credit for a vehicle sold within 60 days before or after the purchase)
https://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/service/calculate-state-sales-tax/
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City of Little Rock - sales tax on motor vehicles (local tax capped at $25 per 1% of local rate)
https://www.littlerock.gov/!userfiles/editor/docs/Finance/Wel%202%20LR-sales%20tax_Rev.pdf
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Before you pay

This is an estimate. Confirm the final amount with Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration (DFA), Office of Motor Vehicle. The free calculator, with every fee worked out for your own car: https://vehiclefeecalculator.com/arkansas/