Kansas Car Registration Fees (2026)

Fee summary from vehiclefeecalculator.com/kansas/ · Rates checked October 17, 2026 · Next monthly check: November 2026

How much does it cost to register a car in Kansas? Registration is $30 a year for a passenger car of 4,500 lbs or less and $40 above that ($70 hybrid, $100 plug-in hybrid, $165 electric), plus a $5 service fee and a $4 modernization surcharge. When you buy, add the $10 title fee and sales tax: 6.5% to the state plus your local rate, on the price less any trade-in. Your county also collects vehicle property tax, which depends on the car.

Fees at a glance (2026)

Registration, passenger car	$30/yr (4,500 lbs or less), $40/yr (over)
Hybrid / plug-in hybrid / electric	$70 / $100 / $165 a year
Service fee	$5 per registration or renewal
Modernization surcharge	$4 per registration
County transaction fee	Up to $5 (not in every county)
Title fee	$10
State sales tax	6.5% plus local
Vehicle property tax	Varies by car and county (DOR lookup)

Starting example

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

Registration (1 yr) 4,500 lbs or less	$30.00
Service fee	$5.00
Modernization surcharge	$4.00
County transaction fee Up to $5 ($2.50 in one-office counties), if charged	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
Vehicle property tax Look up your amount	not available
Estimated total	**$1,999.00**

The total leaves out items marked "not available".

What this estimate does and does not include

• Registration fees are from K.S.A. 8-143. Every registration and renewal also pays the $5 service fee (K.S.A. 8-145 as amended in 2026) and the $4 modernization surcharge (K.S.A. 75-5160). We found no separate charge for a standard

license plate.

• Counties may add a registration transaction fee of up to $5 where the county has more than one registration office, or up to $2.50 where it has one. Whether your county charges it isn't published in one place, so it shows as not available.

• Vehicle property tax is paid to your county when you register and at each renewal. It depends on the car and where you live; enter the amount from the Department of Revenue's lookup, or it shows as not available.

• Sales tax: 6.5% state plus local. A Kansas dealer collects its own location's rate; if the rate where you live is higher, you pay the difference to the county treasurer. In a private sale, you pay the tax to the county treasurer at the higher of the rate where the sale took place and your home rate, plus a 50-cent service fee. Dealer trade-ins are deducted; in a private trade, the value of a vehicle you trade to the seller is deducted. Selling your old car privately and using the money does not count as a trade-in.

• No sales tax between immediate family members (parents, grandparents, children, grandchildren and their spouses) with an Affidavit of Relationship (TR-215), or on a genuine gift.

• Moving to Kansas: your car needs a Motor Vehicle Examination (form MVE-1) at a Kansas inspection station before you title it; its fee isn't included. Kansas use tax may be due if the car hasn't met the first-use rules in Pub. KS-1526, so sales tax for new residents shows as not available.

• Register within 60 days of buying to avoid a penalty. Trucks, motorcycles, trailers, specialty plates and plate transfers aren't covered by this calculator.

Official sources

Kansas Statutes K.S.A. 8-143 – passenger vehicle registration: $30 (4,500 lbs or less), $40 (over 4,500 lbs), $70 hybrid, $100 plug-in hybrid, $165 all-electric
https://www.ksrevisor.gov/statutes/chapters/ch08/008_001_0043.html
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2026 Session Laws of Kansas, Chapter 85 (SB 325), amending K.S.A. 8-145: $5 service fee on every registration and renewal; county registration transaction fee up to $5 (several offices) or $2.50 (one office)
https://sos.ks.gov/publications/sessionlaws/2026/Chapter-85-SB-325.html
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Kansas Statutes K.S.A. 75-5160 – $4 Division of Vehicles modernization surcharge per vehicle registered
https://ksrevisor.gov/statutes/chapters/ch75/075_051_0060.html
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Kansas DOR – Titling a Vehicle FAQ (title fee $10; gifts and family transfers)
https://www.ksrevenue.gov/dovtitlefaq.html
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Kansas DOR – Titling a New Vehicle (register within 60 days of purchase; property tax paid at registration)
https://www.ksrevenue.gov/dovtitlenew.html
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Kansas DOR – Pub. KS-1526 Business Taxes for Motor Vehicle Transactions (6.5% state rate, dealer and private-sale rules, trade-ins, immediate family and gifts, 50-cent service fee on private-sale tax)
https://www.ksrevenue.gov/pub1526.html
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Kansas DOR – Vehicle property tax lookup
https://mvs2.dmv.kdor.ks.gov/vehiclepropertytaxlookup/
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Before you pay

This is an estimate. Confirm the final amount with Kansas Department of Revenue, Division of Vehicles (through your county treasurer). The free calculator, with every fee worked out for your own car:

https://vehiclefeecalculator.com/kansas/