Missouri Car Registration Fees (2026)

Fee summary from vehiclefeecalculator.com/missouri/ · Rates checked October 16, 2026 · Next monthly check: November 2026

How much does it cost to register a car in Missouri? Registration is $18.25 to $51.25 a year depending on your car's taxable horsepower, plus a $9 processing fee. When you buy, add the $8.50 title fee and its $9 processing fee, and sales tax: 4.225% to the state plus your local rate, on the price less any trade-in. Electric cars add a $150 yearly alternative fuel decal and plug-in hybrids $75.

Fees at a glance (2026)

Registration, by taxable horsepower	$18.25 – $51.25/yr
Electric vehicles	$18.25/yr (lowest class)
Processing fee	$9 per year of registration
Title fee	$8.50 + $9 processing
Alternative fuel decal, electric	$150/yr
Alternative fuel decal, plug-in hybrid	$75/yr
State sales tax	4.225%
Local sales tax (October–December 2026)	0% – 7.263% by address

Starting example

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

Registration (1 yr) By taxable horsepower	$24.25
Registration processing fee $9 per year	$9.00
Title fee	$8.50
Title processing fee	$9.00
State sales tax 4.225% of price	$1,267.50
Local sales tax Enter your local rate	not available
Estimated total	**$1,318.25**

The total leaves out items marked "not available".

Fee history

Alternative fuel decal, electric passenger vehicle (per year): Until Dec 31, 2021	$75
Alternative fuel decal, electric passenger vehicle (per year): Jan 1, 2022 – Dec 31, 2022 Worked out from the yearly schedule written in the law.	$90*
Alternative fuel decal, electric passenger vehicle (per year): Jan 1, 2023 – Dec 31, 2023 Worked out from the yearly schedule written in the law.	$105*

Alternative fuel decal, electric passenger vehicle (per year): Jan 1, 2024 – Dec 31, 2024 Worked out from the yearly schedule written in the law.	$120*
Alternative fuel decal, electric passenger vehicle (per year): Jan 1, 2025 – Dec 31, 2025 Worked out from the yearly schedule written in the law.	$135*
Alternative fuel decal, electric passenger vehicle (per year): From Jan 1, 2026 (now) Worked out from the yearly schedule written in the law.	$150*
Alternative fuel decal, plug-in hybrid (model year 2018 or newer, per year): Until Dec 31, 2021	$37.50
Alternative fuel decal, plug-in hybrid (model year 2018 or newer, per year): Jan 1, 2022 – Dec 31, 2022 Worked out from the yearly schedule written in the law.	$45*
Alternative fuel decal, plug-in hybrid (model year 2018 or newer, per year): Jan 1, 2023 – Dec 31, 2023 Worked out from the yearly schedule written in the law.	$52.50*
Alternative fuel decal, plug-in hybrid (model year 2018 or newer, per year): Jan 1, 2024 – Dec 31, 2024 Worked out from the yearly schedule written in the law.	$60*
Alternative fuel decal, plug-in hybrid (model year 2018 or newer, per year): Jan 1, 2025 – Dec 31, 2025 Worked out from the yearly schedule written in the law.	$67.50*
Alternative fuel decal, plug-in hybrid (model year 2018 or newer, per year): From Jan 1, 2026 (now) Worked out from the yearly schedule written in the law.	$75*

What this estimate does and does not include

• Registration fees are from the Department of Revenue's fee page and its Customer Fee Schedule (Form 5113, revised October 2026). They are a little above the base amounts in RSMo 301.055 (for example $24.25 against $24), and the license office charges the Department's amounts. Each year of registration also carries a $9 processing fee.

• Your local sales tax rate depends on your exact address, including some ambulance, fire and other districts, so the calculator asks you to enter it. The Department's rate chart for October to December 2026 runs from 0% to 7.263% for cars sold by a Missouri dealer; a separate, often lower rate applies when the seller isn't a Missouri dealer. Leave the box blank and the local tax shows as not available.

• If you sold a car within 180 days before or after this purchase, its sale price is taken off the taxable price too (replacement vehicle credit). Trade-ins and rebates at a dealer are also deducted.

• Title and pay the tax within 30 days of buying. After that there's a $25 penalty for each 30 days, up to $200.

• Moving to Missouri: title within 30 days of becoming a resident. No Missouri sales tax is due if you owned and drove the car in your old state for at least 90 days; otherwise you pay the difference between Missouri's state and local tax and what you paid there. An electronic transmission fee of $2 may also apply, which isn't included.

• Gifts are exempt from sales tax with a gift statement signed by the giver, if the giver had paid the tax on the car.

• Electric vehicles and plug-in hybrids (model year 2018 or newer) pay a yearly alternative fuel decal instead of fuel tax: $150 and $75 in 2026 (RSMo 142.869, the last of five yearly increases). The $9 processing fee for the decal is from the Department's fee schedule.

• Not included: personal property tax (you need last year's paid receipt or a statement of non-assessment from your county to register), safety inspection fees (cars under 10 years old and 150,000 miles are exempt) and emissions inspections in St. Louis City and St. Louis, St. Charles and Jefferson counties, which are paid at the inspection station.

• Trucks, motorcycles, trailers and RVs have different fees and aren't covered by this calculator. Transferring plates from a car you already own is also not covered.

Official sources

Missouri DOR – Motor Vehicle Fees (registration by taxable horsepower $18.25–$51.25 a year, electric vehicles in the under-12 HP class, $9 processing fee per year)
https://dor.mo.gov/motor-vehicle/titling-registration/fees.html
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Missouri DOR – Form 5113 Customer Fee Schedule (Revised 10-2026): title $8.50 + $9 processing; alternative fuel decal fees
https://dor.mo.gov/forms/5113.pdf
Checked October 16, 2026

Missouri DOR – Form 5687 Buying a Vehicle (Revised 04-2026): 4.225% state sales tax plus local on the price less trade-in; title within 30 days; $25 per 30 days late, $200 maximum
https://dor.mo.gov/forms/5687.pdf
Checked October 16, 2026

Missouri DOR – Motor Vehicle Sales Tax Rate Chart for October–December 2026 (local rates by city and county; separate rate when not sold by a Missouri dealer)
https://dor.mo.gov/forms/MV%20-%20Local%20Sales%20Tax.pdf
Checked October 16, 2026

Missouri DOR – Motor Vehicle Sales Tax Calculator (find your local rate by address; tax is on the price less trade-in or rebate)
https://sa.dor.mo.gov/mv/stc/
Checked October 16, 2026

Missouri DOR – Titling and Registration: new residents title within 30 days; no sales tax if the vehicle was owned and operated in another state at least 90 days
https://dor.mo.gov/motor-vehicle/titling-registration/
Checked October 16, 2026

Missouri DOR – Missouri Titling Manual: gifts are exempt from sales tax with a gift statement if the donor paid the tax; trade-in and replacement vehicle (180-day) credits
https://dor.mo.gov/forms/Missouri_Titling_Manual.pdf
Checked October 16, 2026

Revised Statutes of Missouri § 142.869 – alternative fuel decal: $75 base for a passenger vehicle (plug-in hybrids half), up 20% of that each year 2022–2026
https://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneSection.aspx?section=142.869
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Revised Statutes of Missouri § 301.055 – annual registration fee by horsepower
https://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneSection.aspx?section=301.055
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Before you pay

This is an estimate. Confirm the final amount with Missouri Department of Revenue (through your local license office). The free calculator, with every fee worked out for your own car: https://vehiclefeecalculator.com/missouri/