Nebraska Car Registration Fees (2026)

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

How much does it cost to register a car in Nebraska? $15 a year plus $5.50 in surcharges and the motor vehicle tax, which is set by the car's value when new and falls with age: $500 in the first year on a $30,000 car, $450 in the second. A $20 motor vehicle fee and plates ($4.10 each) are added. Buying a car adds the $10 title and 5.5% state sales tax plus local tax, paid at registration. Electric cars pay $150 a year.

Fees at a glance (2026)

Registration	$15/yr car, $6 motorcycle, + $5.50 surcharges
Motor vehicle tax	$25 - $1,900 by value when new x age fraction ($500 on a new $30,000 car)
Motor vehicle fee	$5 / $20 / $30 by value when new, lower after 5 and 10 years
Plates	$4.10 per plate
Alternative fuel fee	$150/yr electric, $75 plug-in hybrid or electric motorcycle
Title fee	$10 ($17 with a lien)
Sales tax	5.5% state + local, collected at registration
Truck	$18 - $85 by gross weight (3 to 7 tons)

Starting example

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

Title fee	$10.00
Registration fee	$15.00
Surcharges EMS, DMV, recreation road and county funds	$5.50
Plates (2)	$8.20
Motor vehicle tax $500 x 1.00 (year 1)	$500.00
Motor vehicle fee	$20.00
State sales tax 5.5% of price	$1,650.00
Local sales tax Enter your local rate	not available
Estimated total	**$2,208.70**

The total leaves out items marked "not available".

What this estimate does and does not include

• The motor vehicle tax replaces property tax on vehicles and is paid at registration every year. It comes from a value-when-new table ($25 under $4,000 up to $1,900 at $100,000 and over; $500 for $30,000-$31,999) times an age

fraction: 1.00 in year 1, then 0.90, 0.80, 0.70, 0.60, 0.51, 0.42, 0.33, 0.24, 0.15 (years 10-11), 0.07 (years 12-13) and 0 from year 14.

• Motor vehicle fee: $5 under $20,000 value when new, $20 from $20,000, $30 from $40,000 (motorcycles $10), at 100% in years 1-5, 70% in years 6-10 and 35% from year 11.

• Sales tax is collected by the county treasurer at registration, not by the dealer: 5.5% state plus your local rate, on the price less trade-in and rebates. Enter your local rate to include it; blank shows as not available. Paid more than 30 days after purchase adds interest and a $5 penalty.

• Motorcycles: the motorcycle motor vehicle tax base wasn't confirmed, so it shows as not available. Trucks: the commercial registration fee is by gross weight up to 7 tons here; the motor vehicle tax and fee for trucks show as not available.

• City wheel taxes ($10 to $370 a year by city) are collected with registration in some cities; Omaha's and Lincoln's amounts weren't confirmed on an official page, so they aren't included.

• Not included: plate transfer (fee not published), duplicate title ($14). No late renewal penalty appears in the registration statutes; driving unregistered is a Class III misdemeanor.

Official sources

Nebraska DMV - 2025 Motor Vehicle Taxes (surcharges $0.50 EMS, $2 DMV Cash Fund, $1.50 State Recreation Road, $1.50 County General; plate fee $4.10 per plate; city wheel taxes $10-$370)
https://dmv.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/doc/data/MV-Revenue/2025_MV_Taxes&Fees.pdf
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Nebraska Revised Statutes 60-154, 60-3,143, 60-3,147, 60-3,187, 60-3,190, 60-3,191 as amended by LB207 (title $10, lien $7; registration $15, motorcycle $6; commercial trucks by tons; motor vehicle tax table and age fractions; motor vehicle fee; alternative fuel fee $150, plug-in hybrid and motorcycle $75)
https://nebraskalegislature.gov/laws/laws.php
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316 NAC 1-020 - Nebraska Department of Revenue sales tax on motor vehicles (5.5% state + local, collected at registration; price less trade-in and rebates; $5 penalty after 30 days)
https://revenue.nebraska.gov/
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Nebraska DMV - New to Nebraska (sheriff's inspection $10 for out-of-state vehicles)
https://dmv.nebraska.gov/
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Before you pay

This is an estimate. Confirm the final amount with Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles (county treasurers). The free calculator, with every fee worked out for your own car: https://vehiclefeecalculator.com/nebraska/