Ohio Car Registration Fees (2026)

Fee summary from vehiclefeecalculator.com/ohio/ · Rates checked October 20, 2026 · Next monthly check: November 2026

How much does it cost to register a car in Ohio? $36 a year for a passenger car, plus an $8 deputy registrar fee and your district's permissive tax (up to $30). Motorcycles pay $30 and non-commercial trucks $51 or $86. Hybrids add $100, plug-in hybrids $150 and electric cars $200 a year. A new title is $18 ($23 in some counties), and sales tax is 5.75% plus your county's rate, 6.50% to 8.00% in total. Ohio has no yearly property tax on vehicles.

Fees at a glance (2026)

Registration, passenger car	$36/yr
Non-commercial truck	$51 (up to 3/4 ton) / $86 (to 1 ton) a year
Commercial truck	$45 – $1,340/yr by declared weight + $35
Motorcycle	$30/yr
Hybrid / plug-in hybrid / electric	$100 / $150 / $200 a year
Deputy registrar fee	$8 (1 year)
Permissive tax	$0 – $30/yr by district
Title fee	$18 ($23 in some counties)
Sales tax	5.75% state + county (6.5% – 8%)

Starting example

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

Registration (1 yr) Passenger car	$36.00
Permissive tax (1 yr) Your district's local tax	$20.00
Deputy registrar fee	$8.00
Title fee	$18.00
Sales tax 8% of price	$2,400.00
Estimated total	**$2,482.00**

What this estimate does and does not include

• Ohio changed several fees on January 1, 2026 (House Bill 96): registration rose $5 (passenger $31 to $36), the title fee went from $15 to $18 (or $23 where the county adopted it) and the deputy registrar fee from $5 to $8. Older pages still show the old amounts.

• Permissive tax: counties, cities and townships each may levy $5 steps, up to $30 a year in total. The amount depends on your taxing district, so pick it yourself (your last renewal shows it). Our default of $20 is only an example.

• Sales tax is charged at the rate of the county where you live, not where you buy. A trade-in lowers the taxed price only on a new vehicle from a new-car dealer; on a used vehicle the full price is taxed. If you bought out of state, sales tax paid there is credited.

• New residents: title and register within 30 days. An out-of-state vehicle needs an $8 VIN inspection. No Ohio tax is due on a vehicle bought and used outside Ohio at least six months before you moved; otherwise tax is due, less tax paid to the other state.

• Multi-year registration (up to 5 years): yearly fees and permissive tax are paid for each year; the deputy registrar fee is $8, $12, $16, $20 or $24 for 1 to 5 years.

• Commercial trucks pay a license tax by declared gross weight ($45 to $1,340) plus a $35 application fee. Apportioned (IRP) vehicles, farm trucks and trailers are not covered. Electric motorcycles: our sources don't say whether the fuel-type fees apply to motorcycles, so they show as not available.

• E-Check emissions testing is required in Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Medina, Portage and Summit Counties. It is free at official stations. Ohio has no safety inspection and no yearly vehicle property tax.

• Not included: plate transfer ($9), replacement plates, specialty and personalized plates.

Official sources

Ohio BMV – Documents and Fees (vehicle sections updated January 5, 2026): passenger car $36, motorcycle $30, non-commercial truck up to 3/4 ton $51, over 3/4 to 1 ton $86; deputy registrar fee $8 (multi-year $12 / $16 / $20 / $24); $18 title fee statewide; late renewal $10; permissive tax up to $30; plate transfer $9; out-of-state VIN inspection $8 (read by the site owner)
https://bmv.ohio.gov/doc-fees.aspx
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Ohio Revised Code 4503.04 (annual license tax: $20 passenger, $14 motorcycle, $35 / $70 non-commercial trucks) and 4503.10 (application fee $16, $35 for commercial cars, from January 1, 2026; hybrid $100, plug-in hybrid $150, electric $200 a year)
https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-4503.10
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Ohio Revised Code 4503.042 (commercial cars: license tax by declared gross vehicle weight, $45 up to 2,000 lbs to $1,340 over 78,000 lbs)
https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-4503.042
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Ohio Revised Code 4505.09 (certificate of title $18, or $23 where the county has adopted the extra $5, from January 1, 2026; $5 late title application after 30 days)
https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-4505.09
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Ohio Revised Code 4503.038 (deputy registrar service fee, House Bill 96)
https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-4503.038
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Ohio BMV – Permissive tax distribution (local permissive taxes levied by counties, cities and townships in $5 steps, by taxing district)
https://www.bmv.ohio.gov/more-taxdistribution.aspx
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Ohio Department of Taxation – Sales and Use Tax Rates by County, October 1 to December 31, 2026 (state 5.75% + county and transit: Cuyahoga 8.00%, Franklin 8.00%, Hamilton 7.80%, Montgomery 7.50%, Summit 6.75%, Butler, Stark, Lorain and Wayne 6.50%)
https://tax.ohio.gov/business/sales-and-use-tax/rate-tables/by-county-q4-2026
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Ohio Department of Taxation – Sales Tax for Motor Vehicles (tax at the rate of the buyer's county of residence; trade-in credit only on new vehicles from a new-car dealer; new residents: no tax if bought and used outside Ohio at least six months before moving, otherwise tax with credit for tax paid to another state)
https://tax.ohio.gov/business/sales-and-use-tax/motor-vehicles

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Ohio Revised Code 4503.111 (new residents: register the vehicle in Ohio within 30 days)
https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-4503.111
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Before you pay

This is an estimate. Confirm the final amount with Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV). The free calculator, with every fee worked out for your own car: https://vehiclefeecalculator.com/ohio/