

## Gun Permit and License Fees

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### Issue

This report shows gun permit or license fees in 36 states, the District of Columbia (D.C.), and New York City. It updates and replaces OLR Report [2013-R-0048](#).

### Summary

This report shows gun permit fees (or license or certification fees, as applicable) in 36 states, D.C., and New York City that require individuals to have a permit or license to carry handguns and, in some cases, acquire and possess handguns. All of the states have exemptions from the permit requirements, typically for law enforcement personnel.

What is allowed under the permit or license varies (e.g., open or concealed carrying). Permit and license fees also vary widely, as do the periods for which the credentials are valid. In several states, counties are allowed to charge local fees, which are in addition to the state fee. Also, in most states an applicant must pay an additional fee for fingerprinting and criminal history record checks.

Fourteen states (Alaska, Arizona, Idaho, Kansas, Maine, Mississippi, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Vermont, West Virginia, and Wyoming) do not require permits or licenses generally but some of them issue them, for special purposes, such as reciprocity (e.g. Idaho and Missouri), and some require people age 18 to 21 for example to have a permit (e.g., West Virginia). They are not included in this report.

Table 1 lists the credentials required to purchase, possess, or carry handguns as applicable, as well as the associated fees to get and renew the credential, in 36 states, D.C., and New York City. The following list provides a description of the information contained in each column in the table.

1. Jurisdiction and Link Website: This includes the name of the state, district, or city, as applicable. New York City is included separately because its permit scheme differs from the rest of the state. This column also provides a link to the jurisdiction's official website that displays information on gun permit fees.
2. Permit Type: This column shows the type of credential, including permits, licenses or certificates.
3. Initial Permit/License/Registration Fee: This shows the initial fees for the license, permit, or certificate.
4. Renewal Fee/Credential Duration: Shows the renewal fees and how long the credential is valid.
5. Additional Fees and Information: Details any additional fees, requirements, or procedures.
6. Citations: Provides citations to relevant statutes or regulations.

**Table 1: State Gun Permit (License or Registration) Fees**

<b>Jurisdiction and Link to Website</b>	<b>Permit Type<sup>1,2,3</sup></b>	<b>Initial Permit/License/Registration Fee</b>	<b>Renewal Fee/Credential Duration</b>	<b>Additional Fees and Notes</b>	<b>Citations</b>
<a href="#">Alabama</a>	Concealed handgun carry license	Varies by county	Varies by county / varies from 1-5 years		<a href="#">Ala. Code § 13A-11-75</a>
<a href="#">Arkansas</a>	Concealed handgun carry license (not required in resident's county)	\$100 (\$50 if applicant is age 65 or older)	\$35 / 5 years	\$37 criminal history record check fee; total renewal cost is \$60 for all ages	<a href="#">Ark. Code §§ 5-73-302, 311 &amp; 313</a>
<a href="#">California</a>	Firearm safety <a href="#">certificate</a> (required to purchase firearm)	\$25	\$25 / 5 years		Cal. Penal Code §§ <a href="#">26840</a> , <a href="#">27540</a> , <a href="#">31615</a> , <a href="#">31650</a> ; <a href="#">Cal. Dept. Justice Firearm Safety Certificate Program</a>
	Concealed carry weapons license	\$44	\$44 / 2 years	Up to \$100 processing fee to local authority; fingerprinting and criminal history record check fee; up to \$25 renewal application processing fee; California offers other types of concealed carry permits not included here	<a href="#">Cal. Penal Code § 26190</a> , <a href="#">11 C.C.R. § 4006</a>
<a href="#">Colorado</a>	Concealed handgun permit	\$52.50 (Co. Bureau of Investigation (CBI) sets base application fee up to \$100; actual fee varies by county)	\$50 max / 5 years (actual fee varies by county)	Processing, fingerprint, and criminal history record check fee, which vary by county	C.R.S. §§ 18-12- <a href="#">203</a> , <a href="#">-205</a> , <a href="#">-211</a> ; <a href="#">C.R.S. 24-72-306</a> ; see also <a href="#">CBI website</a>

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<a href="#">Connecticut</a>	Eligibility certificate for the purchase of handguns	\$35	\$35 / 5 years	\$62 fee for fingerprints, photos, and criminal history record check; see State Police application <a href="#">instructions</a>	<a href="#">CGS § 29-36f to -36h</a>
	Permit to carry handguns	\$140 (\$70 for temporary permit and \$70 for 5-year state permit)	\$70 / 5 years	\$62 for fingerprints, photos, and criminal history record check when applying for temporary local permit; see State Police application <a href="#">instructions</a>	<a href="#">CGS §§ 29-30</a>
<a href="#">Delaware</a>	Concealed deadly weapon carry license (handgun)	\$65	\$52 / 3 years for initial permit; 5 years for subsequent renewals	\$65 fingerprint and criminal history record check fee	<a href="#">Del. Code tit. 11, § 1441</a> ; see also State Bureau of Investigation <a href="#">website</a>
<a href="#">District of Columbia</a>	Concealed firearm permit	\$13	Fee not specified in statutes / 3 years	\$35 fingerprint and criminal history record check fee	<a href="#">D.C. Code §§ 7-2502.01 to -2502.07a</a>
<a href="#">Florida</a>	Concealed firearm license	Up to \$60	Up to \$50 / 7 years	\$42 fingerprint processing and processing fee; a tax collector may collect and retain a convenience fee of \$22 for new application and \$12 for renewal application	<a href="#">Fla. Stat. § 790.06, 790.0625</a>

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<a href="#">Georgia</a>	Weapons carry license	Actual amount varies by county	\$30 / 5 years	\$5 fingerprinting fee	<a href="#">Ga. Code § 16-11-129</a>
<a href="#">Hawaii</a>	Permit to acquire a firearm	\$42 county fee, \$42 state fee / for initial permit	No renewal fees / 10 days (handguns); 1 year (long guns)	\$42 fee only charged when individuals apply for initial permit, which covers FBI fingerprint and criminal history record check	<a href="#">Haw. Rev. Stat. § 134-2</a>
	Permit to carry (handguns)	\$10	\$10 / 1 year	May carry firearm only in county where permit issued	<a href="#">Haw. Rev. Stat. § 134-9</a>
<a href="#">Illinois</a>	Firearm owners' identification card (required to purchase or possess firearms and ammunition)	\$10 (Armed forces members and reservists are exempt from fee)	Fee not specified in statutes / 10 years	Criminal history record check fee	<a href="#">430 ILCS 65/5 and 65/7</a>
	Concealed carry permit	\$150 for Illinois residents; \$300 for nonresidents	Fee not specified in statutes / 5 to 6 years		430 ILCS <a href="#">65/6</a> and <a href="#">66/35</a>
<a href="#">Indiana</a>	Permit to carry handguns (4-year personal protection)	\$10	Fee not specified in statutes / 4 years	Local fees may apply (Indiana also offers permits for hunting and target practice purposes only)	<a href="#">Ind. Code § 35-47-2-3 to 4</a>
	Permit to carry handguns (lifetime personal protection)	\$50 (\$40 for applicants who possess a valid Indiana handgun license )	NA	Local fees may apply	<a href="#">Ind. Code § 35-47-2-3 to 4</a>

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<a href="#">Iowa</a>	Permit to acquire weapons	Varies by county (generally \$5-\$11)	Fee not specified in statutes / 1 year		<a href="#">Iowa Code §§ 724.17 to 724.18, 724.20</a>
	Permit to carry weapons	\$50	\$25 / 5 years	County sheriffs may charge additional \$5 fee for card production	<a href="#">Iowa Code § 724.11; Iowa Admin. Code r. 661-91.4(724)</a>
<a href="#">Kentucky</a>	Concealed carry deadly weapon permit	\$60	\$60 / 5 years	\$40 of \$60 fee goes to State Police, \$20 goes to county sheriff	<a href="#">Ky. Rev. Stat. § 237.110</a>
<a href="#">Louisiana</a>	Concealed carry handgun permit	\$125 (\$62.50 for anyone age 65 or older, \$50 fee for first-time applicants who have not lived in Louisiana during previous 15 years pay additional)	\$125 / 5 years	Individuals may request shorter-duration permit for proportionally reduced fee	<a href="#">La. Rev. Stat. § 40:1379.3(H)(2)</a>
	Lifetime concealed carry handgun permit	\$500 (\$250 for anyone age 65 or older)	Lifetime		<a href="#">La. Rev. Stat. § 40:1379.3(V)</a>
<a href="#">Maryland</a>	Permit to carry firearms	\$75	\$50 / 3 years	\$20 fingerprint fee; \$18 to \$30 criminal history record check fee	<a href="#">Md. Code, Public Safety, §§ 5-306, -309</a>

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<a href="#">Massachusetts</a>	Class A license to carry (purchase, possess, and carry firearms, including large-capacity guns)	\$100	Fee not specified in statutes / 5 to 6 years	Class A license is only license in Massachusetts that allows concealed carrying of handguns for all purposes	<a href="#">Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 140, § 131</a>
	Class B license to carry (purchase, possess, and carry small-capacity guns)	\$100	Fee not specified in statutes / 5 to 6 years	Does not allow permittee to possess loaded concealed firearm in public places	<a href="#">Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 140, § 131</a>
	Firearms identification card (purchase, possess, and carry non-large capacity rifles and shotguns only)	\$100 (age 18+), \$25 (minors)	Fee not specified in statutes / 5 to 6 years		<a href="#">Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 140, § 129B</a>

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<a href="#">Michigan</a>	License to purchase handguns	No state fee (but applicant may be charged notary fee and \$1 by sheriff providing copy of information)	Fee not specified in statutes / 30 days	Not required for holder of valid Michigan concealed pistol license	<a href="#">Mich. Comp. Laws § 28.422a</a>
	Concealed pistol license	\$100	\$115 / Valid until applicant's birthday that falls between 4 and 5 years after license issued		<a href="#">Mich. Comp. Laws §§ 28.425b and 28.425l</a>
<a href="#">Minnesota</a>	Permit to purchase or transfer handguns or assault weapons	No fee	No fee for renewal / 1 year	Dealer may charge purchaser criminal history record check fee	<a href="#">Minn. Stat. § 624.7131</a>
	Permit to carry handguns	Up to \$100 (actual amount varies by county)	Up to \$75 / 5 years		<a href="#">Minn. Stat. § 624.714</a>



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<a href="#">Montana</a>	Concealed weapon permit (Not required outside city limits)	\$50	\$25 / 4 years	County sheriff may charge applicant additional \$5 fingerprinting fee	<a href="#">Mont. Code §§ 45-8-322</a>
<a href="#">Nebraska</a>	Concealed carry handgun permit	\$100	\$50 / 5 years		<a href="#">Neb. Rev. Stat. § 69-2436</a>
<a href="#">Nevada</a>	Concealed carry firearms permit	Up to \$60	\$25 / 5 years		<a href="#">Nev. Rev. Stat. §§ 202.366, 202.3657, 202.3677</a>
<a href="#">New Jersey</a>	Permit to purchase a handgun	\$2	90 days (renewable for an additional 90 days for good cause)		<a href="#">N.J. Stat. Ann. § 2C:58-3;</a>
	Firearms purchaser identification card	\$5	Indefinite		<a href="#">N.J. Stat. Ann. § 2C:58-3;</a>
	Permit to possess and carry handguns	\$20	\$20 / 2 years		<a href="#">N.J. Stat. § 2C:58-4</a>
	License to possess and carry machine guns and assault firearms	\$75	\$75 / 2 years		<a href="#">N.J. Stat. § 2C:58-5</a>

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<a href="#">New York</a>	License to purchase, possess, and carry handguns	\$3 to \$10, (actual amount varies by county)	No state cost for recertification / handgun owners must "recertify" every 5 years	County fees apply	<a href="#">N.Y. Penal Law § 400.00</a>
<a href="#">New York City</a>	Handgun Licenses (various)	\$340	\$340 / 3 years (handguns)	\$87 fingerprint fee	<a href="#">NYC Admin Code §10-131</a>
	Rifles and shotguns permit	\$140	\$140 / 3 years	\$87 fingerprint fee	<a href="#">NYC Admin Code §10-303</a>
<a href="#">North Carolina</a>	Handgun purchase permit	\$5	\$5/ 5 years		<a href="#">N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 14-403,14-404</a>
	Concealed handgun permit	\$80	\$75/ 5 years		<a href="#">N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 14-415.11,14-415.16, 14-415.19</a>
<a href="#">Ohio</a>	Concealed carry handgun license	\$67	\$50 / 5 years	Residents of Ohio for less than 5 years must also pay for cost of FBI criminal history record check	<a href="#">Ohio Rev. Code § 2923.125</a>
<a href="#">Oregon</a>	Concealed carry handgun license	\$50	\$50 / 4 years	\$15 fee for State Police fingerprint check	<a href="#">Or. Rev. Stat. §§ 166.291 to 166.292, 166.295</a>
<a href="#">Pennsylvania</a>	Concealed carry firearms (handguns) license	\$19	Fee not specified in statutes / 5 years	\$1 fee payable to the Firearms License Validation System Account	<a href="#">18 Pa. Cons. Stat. § 6109</a>
<a href="#">Rhode Island</a>	Concealed carry handgun license	\$40	Fee not specified in statutes / 4 years		<a href="#">R.I. Gen. Laws § 11-47-8, § 11-47-11, § 11-47-12</a>

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<a href="#">South Carolina</a>	Concealed weapons permit	\$50	\$50 / 5 years	\$5 fingerprinting fee	<a href="#">S.C. Code § 23-31-215</a>
<a href="#">South Dakota</a>	Concealed carry pistol permit	\$10	Fee not specified in statutes / 5 years		<a href="#">S.D. Codified Laws § 23-7-8.2</a>
<a href="#">Tennessee</a>	Handgun carry permit	\$100	\$50 / 8 years	Sheriff may charge up to \$5 for fingerprinting	<a href="#">Tenn. Code § 39-17-1351</a>
<a href="#">Texas</a>	Concealed handgun license	\$140	\$70 / first birthday after 4th anniversary of issuance of license		<a href="#">Tex. Gov't Code § 411.171-185</a> ; <a href="#">37 Tex. Admin. Code § 6.15</a>
<a href="#">Utah</a>	Concealed firearm permit (handguns)	\$37 residents, \$47 nonresidents	\$15 / 5 years	The Bureau of Criminal Identification may collect any fees charged by an outside agency for additional services required by statute as a prerequisite for issuance of a permit	<a href="#">Utah Code §§ 53-5-704</a> and <a href="#">-707</a>
<a href="#">Virginia</a>	Concealed handgun permit	Up to \$50 (\$100 for non-residents)	Up to \$50 (\$100 for non-residents) / 5 years		<a href="#">Va. Code § 18.2-308</a>
<a href="#">Washington</a>	Concealed pistol license	\$36	\$32 / 5 years	FBI criminal history record check fee	<a href="#">Wash. Rev. Code § 9.41.070</a>
<a href="#">Wisconsin</a>	Concealed carry weapon license	\$30	\$12 / 5 years	\$10 criminal history record check fee	<a href="#">Wis. Stat. § 175.60, s. 175.35(2i)</a> .

<sup>1</sup>Special permits or licenses are not included in this table, e.g. the security guard permit required by Connecticut and special permits in California.

<sup>2</sup>In some cases, the permit requirement applies not just to handguns, but to other weapons (e.g. stun-guns, daggers, or dirks in state).

<sup>3</sup>In some cases, permits are issued by a state agency and valid statewide; in others, permits are issued by a local authority and valid only in the jurisdiction where issued.

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