

Veterans' Discounts for Public Bus Fares

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Issue

Does Connecticut or any other state provide public bus fare discounts to veterans?

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Connecticut

Connecticut does not provide bus fare discounts to all veterans. But veterans who receive disability benefits from the U.S. Veterans Administration qualify for reduced bus fares on CTtransit buses and all other bus systems operating under contract with the Department of Transportation (DOT) (see the CTtransit website for a [list of systems](#)). To receive the reduced fare, individuals must obtain a [reduced transit fare photo ID card](#) from DOT. Reduced transit fare card holders receive a discount of about 50% on single fares and multi-day passes. Reduced fares also apply to seniors (age 65 or older) and non-veterans with disabilities.

Other States

We did not find any state that provides a statewide bus fare discount to all veterans. However, veterans' discounts are available in several states at the city or regional level. For the purpose of this report, we focused on those that provide discounts to all veterans, not just certain categories of veterans (e.g., veterans with disabilities or decorated veterans).

At least 10 cities and regions in eight states provide discounts to all veterans. Table 1 lists the operating entity and discount amount for each city or region.

Table 1. Bus Fare Discounts for All Veterans

State & Region	Bus Operator	Discount
California San Bernardino Valley	OmniTrans	Veterans receive discounts of 50% or more, depending on type of ticket purchased
California Monterey Area	Monterey-Salinas Transit District	Veterans receive a 50% discount on all bus routes
California Sonoma County	Sonoma County Transit (SCT)	Veterans ride free on SCT buses
Florida Brevard County	Space Coast Area Transit	Veterans receive a 50% discount on bus transit
Indiana Indianapolis	Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation	Veterans Pass : pass costs \$2.00, and holders can ride fixed-route bus service for free
New Mexico Albuquerque Area	Rio Metro Regional Transportation Authority	Veterans can ride Rio Metro transit buses for free
Nevada Greater Las Vegas Valley	Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada	Veterans Reduced Fare Program : provides a 50% discount to all veterans residing in the area served by the commission
New York Suffolk County (Long Island)	Suffolk County Transportation	County residents who are veterans receive a discounted fare (\$0.75, rather than \$2.25)
North Carolina Greensboro Area	Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation	Veterans receive a 50% discount off bus fares
Texas El Paso Area	Sun Metro	Veterans Pass Program : veterans may obtain a discounted monthly bus pass (\$30, instead of \$48) through their social service agency, and homeless veterans who are pursuing employment may receive 90 days of free bus transportation

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