

Seat Belt Laws by State
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States with Primary Seat Belt Laws

State	Who is Covered (Yrs.)	In What Seat	Maximum Fine 1st Offense
Alabama	>15	Front	\$25
Alaska	>16	All	\$15
Arkansas	>15	Front	\$25 (plus court costs and city/county jail fines)
California	>16	All	\$162 (\$20 fine + \$142 in penalties and assessments)
Connecticut	>7	Front	\$92 for >18 (\$50 fine + \$7 fee + \$35 surcharge) \$120 for <18 (\$75 fine + \$10 fee + \$35 surcharge)
Delaware ¹	>16	All	\$25
D.C.	>16	All	\$50
Florida	>6	Front	\$30
	6 - 17	All	
Georgia	8 - 17	All	\$15
	>18	Front	
Guam	All	All	\$100
Hawaii	>8	All	\$112 (including administrative fees)
Illinois	<18, if driver <18	All	\$25 plus court costs
	>16	All	
Indiana	>16	All	\$25
Iowa	All	Front	\$127.50 (including court costs)
Kansas	14 - 17	All	\$60
	>18	Front (other seating positions are secondary enforcement)	\$30
Kentucky	<6 and >50"	All	\$25
	>7		
Louisiana	>13	All	\$25
Maine	>18	All	\$50
Maryland	>16	All (secondary for rear seats)	\$83 (fine plus court costs)
Michigan	>16	Front	\$25
Minnesota	<7 (and >57") or >8	All	\$25, plus approx. \$75 court surcharge (surcharge varies slightly by county)
Mississippi	>7	All	\$25
New Jersey	<7 and >57"	All (secondary for rear seats)	\$46 (including court costs)
	>8		
New Mexico	>18	All	\$25
New York	<16	All	\$50
	All	Front	
North Carolina	>16	All (secondary for rear seats)	\$25.50 + \$135.50 in court costs (\$10 + no court costs for rear seats)
Northern Mariana Islands	>6	All	\$25
Oklahoma	>13	Front	\$20

Oregon	All	All	\$130
Puerto Rico	>9 (or >57")		\$50
Rhode Island	>8	All	\$40
South Carolina	>6	All	\$25
Tennessee	>4	Front	\$30
Texas	>15	All	\$50 (driver or passenger)
	<7 (and >57") - <17		\$200 (driver)
Utah	All	All	\$45 (2nd offense)
Virgin Islands	All	Front	\$25 to \$250
Washington	>8 or >4'9"	All	\$124
West Virginia	8 - 17	All	\$25
	>18	Front	
Wisconsin	>8	All ²	\$10
Total	34 States + D.C., PR, 4 Terr.	All (18 + D.C., 2 Terr.) Rear Secondary (4) Front Seat Only (12 + VI)	

¹ Delaware's seat belt law is a civil penalty.

² In Wisconsin, all passengers are covered except for children properly restrained in a child safety restraint system.

States with Secondary Seat Belt Laws

State	Who is Covered (Yrs.)	In What Seat	Maximum Fine 1st Offense
Arizona	8-15	All	\$10
	>8	Front	
Colorado	>18 (primary for <18)	Front	\$71
Idaho	>7 (primary for drivers <18)	All	\$10 (drivers <18 pay \$51.50, including court costs)
Massachusetts	>13	All	\$25
Missouri	8 - 15 (primary)	All	\$50
	>16	Front	\$10 (driver and passenger)
Montana	>6	All	\$20
Nebraska	>18	Front	\$25
Nevada	>6	All	\$25
North Dakota	>18	Front	\$20
	<18 (primary)	All	\$25 + 1 point on license
Ohio	8 - 14	All	\$30 driver; \$20 passenger
	>15	Front	
Pennsylvania	>18	Front	\$10
	8 - 17 (primary)	All	
South Dakota	>18	Front	\$25
Vermont	>18 (primary for <18)	All	\$25
Virginia	All drivers; passengers >18 (primary for passengers <18 in all seats)	Front	\$25 (driver ticketed for passengers <18)
Wyoming	>9	All	\$25 driver; \$10 passenger
Total States	15 States	All (6) Front Seat Only (9)	