

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+	All (secondary for rear seats)	\$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	8+	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	16+	All	\$25
Indiana	16+	All	\$25
Iowa	18+	Front	\$127.50 (including court costs)
Kansas	14 - 17	All	\$60
	18+	Front (other seating positions are secondary enforcement)	\$30
Kentucky	7 & younger and 57"+	All	\$25
	8+		
Louisiana	13+	All	\$50
Maine	18+	All	\$50
Maryland	16+	All (secondary for rear seats)	\$83 (fine plus court costs)
Michigan	16+	Front	\$25
Minnesota	7 & younger and 57"+	All	\$25, plus approx. \$75 court surcharge (surcharge varies slightly by county)
	8+		
Mississippi	7+	All	\$25
New Jersey	7 & younger and 57"+	All (secondary for rear seats)	\$46 (including court costs)
	8+		
New Mexico	18+	All	\$25
New York	15 & younger	All	\$50
	All	Front	
North Carolina	16+	All (secondary for rear seats)	\$25 + \$135.50 in court costs (\$10 + no court costs for rear seats)
Northern Mariana Islands	6+	All	\$25
Oklahoma	9+	Front	\$20
Oregon	16+	All	\$115

Puerto Rico	9+ (or 57"+)		\$50
Rhode Island	18+	All	\$40
South Carolina	8+	All	\$25
Tennessee	16+	Front	\$30
Texas	7 & younger and 57"+	All	\$50 (driver or passenger)
	8+		\$200 (driver)
Utah	16+	All	\$45 (2nd offense)
Virgin Islands	All	Front	\$25 to \$250
Washington	16+	All	\$124
West Virginia	8+	Front	\$25
	8-17	All	
Wisconsin	8+	All ²	\$10
Total	34 States + D.C., PR, 4 Terr.	All (20 + D.C., 2 Terr.) Rear Secondary (10) Front Seat Only (11 + 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	16+ (primary for under 18)	Front	\$71
Idaho	7+ (primary for drivers under 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 & younger (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 & younger 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)	