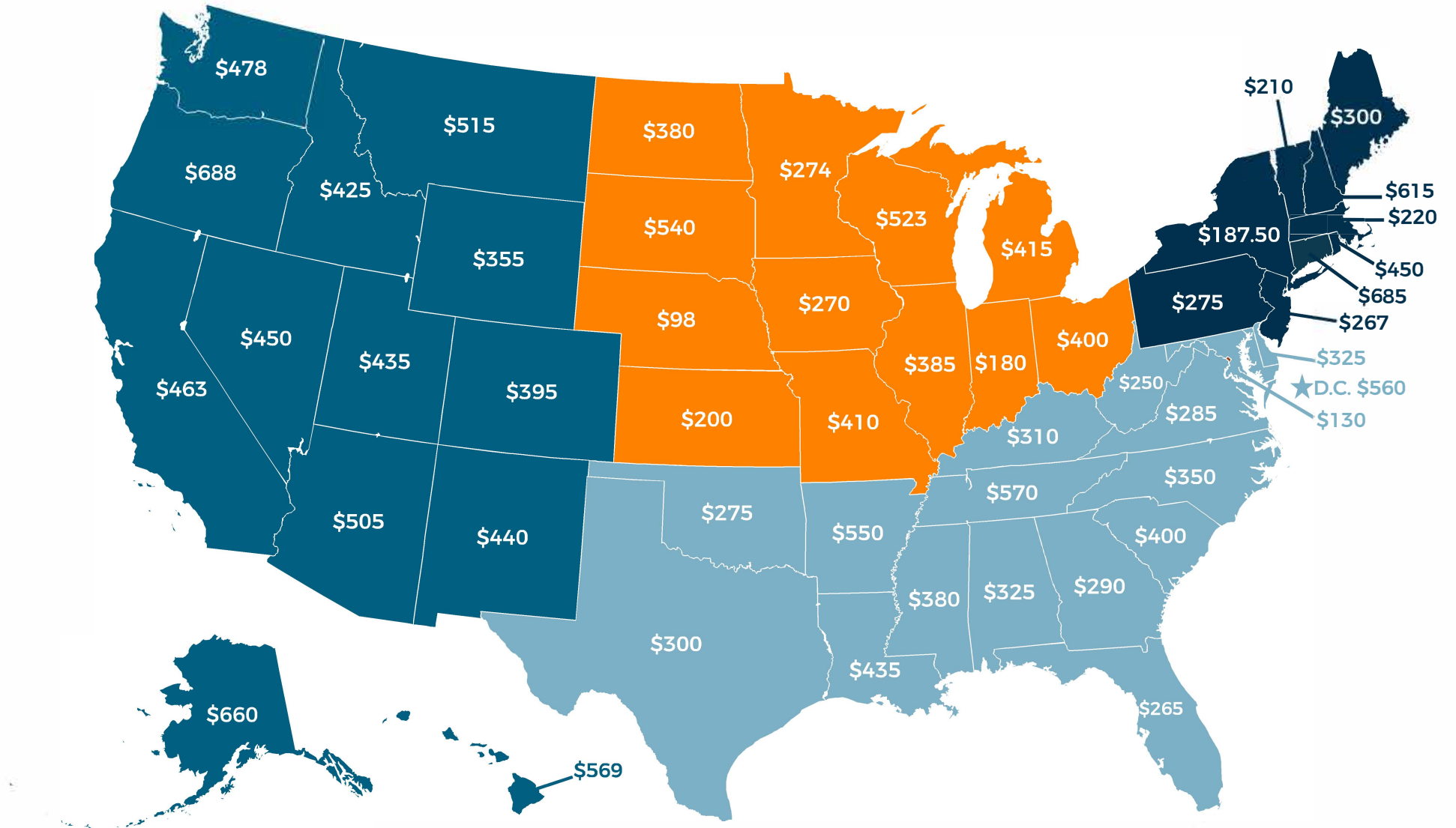


# TOTAL COST TO PRACTICE

U.S. Census Bureau Regions

West Midwest Northeast South



# LICENSING FEES

## Total Cost to Practice & Licensing/Registration Fees

*Includes all mandatory state bars reporting data and any state licensing agency or voluntary state bar reporting data for states without a mandatory state bar.*

Enter the total cost to practice in your state (or territory).	Min	Max	Mean	Median	Responses
South	\$130	\$570	\$340	\$318	16
West	\$355	\$688	\$491	\$463	13
Northeast	\$188	\$685	\$377	\$288	10
Midwest	\$98	\$540	\$340	\$383	12

What is the total licensing/registration fee?	Min	Max	Mean	Median	Responses
South	\$130	\$380	\$263	\$265	16
West	\$275	\$688	\$470	\$450	13
Northeast	\$188	\$615	\$321	\$284	10
Midwest	\$98	\$540	\$327	\$327	12

**Provide the breakdown of fees for the cost to practice in your state (or territory).	Min	Max	Mean	Median	Responses
Client protection fund fee	\$5	\$130	\$32	\$25	28
Discipline system fee	\$25	\$260	\$164	\$165	20
Mandatory CLE fee	\$5	\$229	\$43	\$20	10
Lawyer assistance program fee	\$10	\$44	\$22	\$20	9
Legal services/legal aid/access to justice	\$2	\$65	\$32	\$36	7
Yearly Assessment	\$25	\$658	\$328	\$331	17
Other	\$6	\$450	\$177	\$180	15

*\*\*Categories with more than two responses only.*

## State/District/Territory

Total Cost to Practice in State & Licensing/Registration Fees

*\*Total licensing/registration fees include the highest fee.*

State/District/Territory	Total Cost to Practice	*Highest Licensing/Reg. Fees	Cost to Practice Fees Breakdowns (If Known)
Alabama	\$325	\$325	Client protection fund fee: \$25
Alaska	\$660	\$660	Client protection fund fee: \$10; Discipline system fee: \$260; Mandatory CLE fee: \$12; Legal services/legal aid/access to justice: \$36; Other: \$342 (Administration, CLE, Fee Arbitration, Board of Governors, Lawyer Referral, Bar Rag, FastCase, Committees, Sections and WebPages
Arizona	\$505	\$485	Client protection fund fee: \$20; Yearly Assessment: \$485
Arkansas	\$550	\$200	Professional commission fee: \$200
California	\$463	\$390	Client protection fund fee: \$40; Discipline system fee: \$25; Building fund: \$4; Lawyer assistance program fee: \$10; Technology fund: \$5; Yearly Assessment: \$390 (The 2023 licensing fee is \$390. However, there is a \$2 Elimination of Bias opt-out fee. The building fund and technology fund fees are also included in the \$390 licensing fee.)
Colorado	\$395	\$395	Client protection fund fee: \$20; Yearly Assessment: \$375
Connecticut	\$685	\$575	Client protection fund fee: \$100
Delaware	\$325	\$325	N/A
District of Columbia	\$560	\$331	Mandatory CLE fee: \$229; Yearly Assessment: \$331 Mandatory annual license fee Active class members and Special Legal Consultants. Inactive members pay \$206; Judicial members pay \$150.
Florida	\$265	\$265	N/A
Georgia	\$290	\$264	Client protection fund fee: \$15; Professional commission fee: \$11
Hawaii	\$569	\$569	Client protection fund fee: \$50; Discipline system fee: \$250; Lawyer assistance program fee: \$44; Yearly Assessment: \$210 annual bar dues; Other: \$15 processing fee
Idaho	\$425	\$425	N/A
Illinois	\$385	\$385	Client protection fund fee: \$25; Discipline system fee: \$210; Professional commission fee: \$25; Lawyer assistance program fee: \$20; Legal services/legal aid/access to justice: \$10; Other: \$95 Lawyers Trust Fund fee
Indiana	\$180	\$180	Other: \$180 Attorney Services Fund

State/District/Territory	Total Cost to Practice	*Highest Licensing/Reg. Fees	Cost to Practice Fees Breakdowns (If Known)
Iowa	\$270	\$270	Client protection fund fee: \$50; Discipline system fee: \$200; Mandatory CLE fee: \$20
Kansas	\$200	\$200	Discipline fee: \$180; Mandatory CLE fee: \$20
Kentucky	\$310	\$310	Client protection fund fee: \$7; Building fund: \$20; Mandatory CLE fee: \$48; Lawyer assistance program fee: \$15; Legal services/legal aid/access to justice: \$2; Other: \$218 General Dues
Louisiana	\$435	\$200	Discipline system fee: \$235; Yearly Assessment: \$435 (\$200 licensing/registration annual dues membership plus \$235 Disciplinary assessment)
Maine	\$300	\$300	Client protection fund fee: \$20; Discipline system fee \$260; Lawyer assistance program fee: \$20
Maryland	\$130	\$130	Client protection fund fee: \$130
Massachusetts	\$220	\$300	N/A
Michigan	\$415	\$415	Client protection fund fee: \$15; Discipline system fee: \$140; Yearly Assessment: \$260 Annual Bar Dues
Minnesota	\$274	\$274	N/A
Mississippi	\$380	\$380	Other: \$380 Enrollment fee
Missouri	\$410	\$259	Discipline system fee: \$101; Legal services/legal aid/access to justice: \$50; Note: Discipline system fee and Legal Services fee are in addition to the licensing/registration fee. Inactive attorneys do not pay the Discipline system fee nor the Legal services fee, only \$100 per year for licensing/registration.
Montana	\$515	\$515	Client protection fund fee: \$20; Discipline system fee: \$125; Mandatory CLE fee: \$45; One-time Assessment: \$25 State Bar of Montana Supreme Court Licensing Tax; Other: \$300 Dues
Nebraska	\$98	\$98	Discipline system fee: \$60; Yearly Assessment: \$25; Other: \$13 Commission on the unauthorized practice of law
Nevada	\$450	\$450	Client protection fund fee: \$50; Other: \$450 Active license renewal fee (\$50 of the fee goes to client's security fund)
New Hampshire	\$615	\$615	Client protection fund fee: \$30; Discipline system fee: \$245; Lawyer assistance program fee: \$30; Yearly Assessment: \$310
New Jersey	\$267	\$267	Client protection fund fee: \$46; Discipline system fee: \$201; Lawyer assistance program fee: \$10; Other: \$6 Board of Examiners
New Mexico	\$440	\$275	Client protection fund fee: \$15; Discipline system fee: \$150
New York	\$187.50	\$187.50	Client protection fund fee: \$30; Legal services/legal aid/access to justice: \$12.50; Yearly Assessment: \$25 Indigent Legal Defense

State/District/Territory	Total Cost to Practice	*Highest Licensing/Reg. Fees	Cost to Practice Fees Breakdowns (If Known)
North Carolina	\$350	\$325	Mandatory CLE fee: \$25; Yearly Assessment: \$300 Annual State Bar membership fee; Note: For 2023 & 2024 members were not required to pay a client security fund assessment; however, that can change from year to year.
North Dakota	\$380	\$380	Client protection fund fee: \$16; Discipline system fee: \$75
Ohio	\$400	\$400	N/A
Oklahoma	\$275	\$275	N/A
**Oregon	\$688	\$688	Client protection fund fee: \$20; Mandatory professional liability insurance: \$3,300; Yearly Assessment: \$658; Other: \$10 Loan Repayment Assistance Program
Pennsylvania	\$275	\$195	Client protection fund fee: \$50; Discipline system fee: \$195; Other: \$30 IOLTA
Rhode Island	\$450	\$225	Client protection fund fee: \$25; Yearly Assessment: \$225 (dues range is \$140-\$225); Other: \$200 Court licensing fees
South Carolina	\$400	\$300	Client protection fund fee: \$30; Discipline system fund fee: \$70
South Dakota	\$540	\$540	Yearly Assessment: \$415; Mandatory CLE fee: \$125
Tennessee	\$570	\$170	Client protection fund fee: \$10; Discipline system fee: \$140; Lawyer assistance program fee: \$20
Texas	\$300	\$235	Legal services/legal aid/access to justice: \$65
Utah	\$435	\$425	Mandatory CLE fee: \$10; Yearly Assessment: \$425
Vermont	\$210	\$210	N/A
Virginia	\$285	\$250	Client protection fund fee: \$5; Lawyer assistance program fee: \$30; Yearly Assessment: \$250 Member Dues (\$250 Active Members or \$125 Associate Members)
Washington	\$478	\$478	Client protection fund fee: \$20; Yearly Assessment: \$458
West Virginia	\$250	\$250	N/A
Wisconsin	\$523	\$523	Client protection fund fee: \$25; Discipline system fee: \$150; Mandatory CLE fee: \$11; Legal services/legal aid/access to justice: \$50; Other: \$287 State Bar membership dues
Wyoming	\$355	\$350	Mandatory CLE fee: \$5

*\*\*Oregon - Total cost to practice excludes \$3,300 for mandatory professional liability insurance that covers malpractice claims for attorney's whose principal place of business is located in Oregon.*