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## Findings and Analysis

### *Fishing Licenses*

An annual fishing license in Tennessee for residents costs \$33. For nonresidents, the cost is \$49 for an annual fishing license that does not include trout, while a trout-inclusive license costs \$98; this makes the average nonresident license \$73.50.

Across the country, the average cost for a resident fishing license is \$25.12 (this includes the average cost when considering states with freshwater and saltwater licenses). This makes California the state with the highest license fee (\$61.82) and Hawaii the cheapest (\$6). Tennessee ranks as the tenth highest.

Across the country, for nonresidents, the average cost is \$48.48 (this includes the average cost when considering states with freshwater and saltwater licenses). This makes California the state with the highest license fee (\$166.89) and Delaware the cheapest (\$22.50). Tennessee ranks as the twelfth highest.

For more information, see Table 1 below.

### *Hunting Licenses*

A standard hunting license for a resident in Tennessee costs \$33. A lifetime hunting license costs between \$320 and \$1976 (depending on the person’s age); this makes the average lifetime license \$1,148.

Across the country, the average standard hunting license for residents is \$32.91. This makes Washington the state with the highest license fee (\$167.90) and Montana the cheapest (\$10). Tennessee ranks as the thirteenth highest.

Only 33 states offer lifetime hunting licenses. Of those, the average cost is \$477.45 (this averages the various costs that most states charge based on the applicant’s age). This makes Tennessee the state with the highest license fee (\$1,148) and Iowa the cheapest (\$61).

For more information, see Table 2 below.

## Breakdown by State

*Note that each state name contains a link to the state’s informational page.*

**Table 1: 2024 Fishing License Cost by State**

State	Annual (Resident)	Annual (Non-Resident)	Short-Term Licenses
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<u>Alabama</u>	\$16.15 (Freshwater) \$28.50 (Saltwater)	\$52.60 (Freshwater) \$61.35 (Saltwater)	Resident 1 Day – \$7.30 Non-Resident 7 Days – \$35
<u>Alaska</u>	\$20	\$100	Non-Resident 1 Day – \$15 Non-Resident 7 Days – \$45
<u>Arizona</u>	\$37	\$55	
<u>Arkansas</u>	\$10.50	\$50	Resident 3 day – \$6.50 Non-Resident 3 day – \$16 Non-Resident 7 day – \$25
<u>California</u>	61.82	166.89	1 Day – \$20.26 2 Day – \$31.06 10 Day – \$61.82
<u>Colorado</u>	\$39.71	\$111.03	Resident 1 Day – \$15.55 Non-Resident 1 Day – \$19.01 Non-Resident 5 Day – \$36.26 Additional Day – \$7.50
<u>Connecticut</u>	\$32	\$63	Non-Resident 3 Day – \$22
<u>Delaware</u>	\$11	\$22.50	Non-Resident 7 Day – \$15
<u>Florida</u>	\$17 (Freshwater) \$17 (Saltwater)	\$47.00 (Freshwater) \$47.00 (Saltwater)	Non-Resident 3 Day – \$17 Non-Resident 7 Day Saltwater – \$53
<u>Georgia</u>	\$15	\$50	Non-Resident 1 Day – \$10 Additional Day – \$3.50
<u>Hawaii</u>	\$6	\$26	Non-Resident 7 Day – \$11 Non-Resident 30 Day – \$21
<u>Idaho</u>	\$30.50	\$98.25	Non-Resident 1 Day – \$15 Additional Day – \$7
<u>Illinois</u>	\$15	\$31.50	
<u>Indiana</u>	\$17	\$35	1 Day – \$9 Non-Resident 7 Day – \$20
<u>Iowa</u>	\$22	\$48	Resident 1 Day – \$10.50 Resident 7 Day – \$15.50 Non-Resident 1 day – \$12 Non-Resident 3 day – \$20.50 Non-Resident 7 day – \$37.50
<u>Kansas</u>	\$27.50	\$52.50	Resident 1 Day – \$8.50 Non-Resident 1 day – \$14.50 Non-Resident 5 day – \$27.50
<u>Kentucky</u>	\$23	\$55	Resident 1 Day – \$7 Non-Resident 1 Day – \$15
<u>Louisiana</u>	\$9.50	\$60	Non-Resident 1 Day – \$5

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<u>Maine</u>	\$25	\$64	1 Day – \$11 Non-Resident 3 Day – \$23 Non-Resident 7 Day – \$43 Non-Resident 15 Day – \$47
<u>Maryland</u>	\$20.50 (Freshwater) \$15.00 (Saltwater)	\$30.50 (Freshwater) \$22.50 (Saltwater)	Resident 7 Day – \$7.50 Non-Resident 3 & 7 day – Depends on your home state
<u>Massachusetts</u>	\$27.50 (Freshwater) \$10.00 (Saltwater)	\$37.50 (Freshwater) \$10.00 (Saltwater)	Resident Freshwater 3 Day – \$12.50 Non-Resident Freshwater 3 Day – \$23.50
<u>Michigan</u>	\$26	\$76	1 Day – \$10 3 Day – \$30
<u>Minnesota</u>	\$25	\$51	Resident 1 Day – \$12 Resident 3 Day – \$14 Non-Resident 1 Day – \$14 Non-Resident 3 Day – \$36 Non-Resident 7 Day – \$43
<u>Mississippi</u>	\$27.29 (Freshwater) \$34.29 (Saltwater)	\$64.29 (Freshwater) \$34.29 (Saltwater)	Resident 3 Day Freshwater – \$5.29 Non-Resident 1 Day Freshwater – \$10.29 Non-Resident 3 Day Freshwater – \$18.29 Non-Resident 3 Day Saltwater – \$18.29
<u>Missouri</u>	\$12	\$49	1 Day – \$8
<u>Montana</u>	\$31	\$111	Resident 2 Days – \$15 Non-Resident 2 Days – \$50 Non-Resident 10 Days – \$81
<u>Nebraska</u>	\$38	\$76	Resident 1 Day – \$10 Resident 3 Days – \$31 Non-Resident 1 Day – \$13 Non-Resident 3 Days – \$37
<u>Nevada</u>	\$40	\$80	Resident 1 Day – \$9 Additional Day – \$3 Non-Resident 1 Day – \$18 Additional Day – \$7
<u>New Hampshire</u>	\$45	\$63	Resident 1 Day – \$10 Non-Resident 1 Day – \$15 Non-Resident 3 Days – \$28 Non-Resident 7 Days – \$35
<u>New Jersey</u>	\$22	\$34	Non-Resident 2 Days – \$9 Non-Resident 7 Days – \$19.50
<u>New Mexico</u>	\$25	\$56	1 Day – \$12 5 Days – \$24

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<u>New York</u>	\$25	\$50	Resident 1 Day – \$5 Resident 7 Days – \$12 Non-Resident 1 Day – \$10 Non-Resident 7 Days – \$28
<u>North Carolina</u>	\$25.00 (Freshwater) \$16.00 (Saltwater)	\$45.00 (Freshwater) \$32.00 (Saltwater)	Resident 10 Days Freshwater – \$9 Resident 10 Days Saltwater – \$6 Non-Resident 10 Days Freshwater – \$23 Non-Resident 10 Days Saltwater – \$11
<u>North Dakota</u>	\$18	\$48	Non-Resident 3 Days – \$28 Non-Resident 10 Days – \$38
<u>Ohio</u>	\$19	\$40	1 Day – \$11 Non-Resident 3 Days – \$19
<u>Oklahoma</u>	\$25	\$55	Resident 2 Days – \$15 Non-Resident 1 Day – \$15 Non-Resident 6 Day – \$35
<u>Oregon</u>	\$44	\$110.50	1 Day – \$23 2 Days – \$42 3 Day – \$59.50 Non-Resident 7 Day – \$93.50
<u>Pennsylvania</u>	\$22.90	\$52.90	Resident 1 Day – \$11.90 Non-Resident 3 Days – \$26.90 Non-Resident 7 Days – \$34.90
<u>Rhode Island</u>	\$18	\$35	Non-Resident 3 Days – \$16
<u>South Carolina</u>	\$10.00 (Freshwater) \$10.00 (Saltwater)	\$35.00 (Freshwater) \$35.00 (Saltwater)	Resident 14 Days – \$5 Non-Resident 14 Days – \$11
<u>South Dakota</u>	\$28	\$67	Resident 1 Day – \$8 Non-Resident 1 Day – \$16 Non-Resident 3 Days – \$37
<u>Tennessee</u>	\$33.00	No Trout – \$49 All Species – \$98	Resident 1 Day – \$6.50 Resident 1 Day All Species – \$11.50 Non-Resident 3 Days No Trout – \$20 Non-Resident 3 Days All Species – \$40 Non-Resident 10 Days No Trout – \$30 Non-Resident 10 Days All Species – \$61
<u>Texas</u>	\$30 (Freshwater) \$35 (Saltwater) \$40 (All Water)	\$58 (Freshwater) \$63 (Saltwater) \$68 (All Water)	Resident 1 Day – \$11 Non-Resident 1 Day – \$16

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<u>Utah</u>	\$34	\$85	Resident 3 Day – \$16 Resident 7 Day – \$20 Non-Resident 3 Day – \$28 Non-Resident 7 Day – \$46
<u>Vermont</u>	\$28	\$54	Resident 3 Days – \$11 Non-Resident 1 Day – \$21 Non-Resident 3 Days – \$23 Non-Resident 7 Days – \$31
<u>Virginia</u>	\$23 (Freshwater) \$17.50 (Saltwater) \$39.50 (All Water)	\$47 (Freshwater) \$25 (Saltwater) \$71 (All Water)	Resident 5 Day Freshwater – \$14 Resident 5 Day All Water – \$24 Resident 10 Day Saltwater – \$10 Non-Resident 1 Day Freshwater- \$8 Non-Resident 5 Day Freshwater – \$21 Non-Resident 5 Day All Water – \$31 Non-Resident 10 Day Saltwater – \$10
<u>Washington</u>	\$29.50 (Freshwater) \$30.05 (Saltwater)	\$84.50 (Freshwater) \$59.75 (Saltwater)	1 Day – \$11.35 Resident 2 Day – \$15.75 Resident 3 Days – \$35.55 Non-Resident 2 Days – 28.95 Non-Resident 3 Days – \$35.55
<u>West Virginia</u>	\$19	\$37	Non-Resident 1 Day – \$3
<u>Wisconsin</u>	\$20	\$50	Resident 1 Day – \$8 Non-Resident 1 Day – \$10 Non-Resident 4 Days – \$24 Non-Resident 15 Days – \$28
<u>Wyoming</u>	\$27	\$102	Resident 1 Day – \$6 Non-Resident 1 Day – \$14 Non-Resident 5 Days – \$56

**Table 2: 2024 Hunting License Cost by State**

State	Standard (Resident)	Standard (Non-Resident)	Lifetime
<u>Alabama</u>	All Game - \$30.25; Small Game - \$20.05	All Game: Annual - \$350.15, 10-Day Trip - \$216.20, 3-Day Trip- \$152.55; Small Game: Annual - \$114.25, 10-Day Trip - \$69.60, 3-Day Trip- \$50.45	\$380-\$640 (Varies by age)
<u>Alaska</u>	\$45	All Game: Annual - \$160; Small Game: Annual - \$60	N/A



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<a href="#">Arizona</a>	\$37	N/A	\$290-\$630 (Varies by age)
<a href="#">Arkansas</a>	\$25-\$35	All Game: Annual - \$350, 5-Day Trip - \$180, 3-Day Trip- \$125, 1-Day Trip- \$55; Small Game: Annual - \$110, 5-Day Trip - \$70	\$1,000
<a href="#">California</a>	\$54	All Game: Annual - \$188, 2-Day Trip - \$54, 1-Day Trip- \$25	\$640-\$1,050 (Varies by age)
<a href="#">Colorado</a>	Big Game: Annual - \$42-\$340; Small Game: Annual - \$32	Big Game: Annual - \$110-\$2,500; Small Game: Annual - \$92	N/A
<a href="#">Connecticut</a>	All Game: Annual - \$19-\$41	All Game: Annual - \$91-\$135	N/A
<a href="#">Delaware</a>	All Game: Annual - \$39	All Game: 3-Day Trip - \$188	N/A
<a href="#">Florida</a>	All Game - \$17	All Game: Annual - \$152, 10-Day Trip - \$46	\$200-\$500 (Varies by age)
<a href="#">Georgia</a>	All Game - \$15; Big Game - \$25	All Game: Annual - \$100, 1-Day Trip - \$20; Big Game: Annual - \$225, 1-Day Trip - \$130	\$315-\$750 (Varies by age)
<a href="#">Hawaii</a>	All Game - \$20	All Game: Annual - \$105	N/A
<a href="#">Idaho</a>	All Game - \$16	All Game: Annual - \$185	\$221-\$386 (Varies by age)
<a href="#">Illinois</a>	All Game - \$12.50	All Game: Annual - \$57, 5-Day Trip - \$35	\$360
<a href="#">Indiana</a>	All Game - \$32-\$39	All Game: Annual - \$90, 5-Day Trip - \$50	N/A (Discontinued in 2005)
<a href="#">Iowa</a>	All Game - \$22	All Game: Annual - \$144, 5-Day Trip - \$77	\$61
<a href="#">Kansas</a>	All Game - \$27.50	All Game: Annual - \$97.50	\$502
<a href="#">Kentucky</a>	Big Game - \$30-\$100; Small Game - \$25-\$30	Big Game - \$185-\$550; Small Game - \$25-\$85	N/A
<a href="#">Louisiana</a>	\$20	\$200, 10-Day Trip - \$20, 5-Day Trip - \$65	\$500; Non-Resident - \$4,000
<a href="#">Maine</a>	Big Game - \$26; Small Game - \$15	Big Game - \$115; Small Game - \$75	Resident - \$10-\$150; Non-Resident - \$450-\$900 (Varies by age)
<a href="#">Maryland</a>	\$24.50	\$130	N/A
<a href="#">Massachusetts</a>	\$29.50	\$67-\$101	N/A
<a href="#">Michigan</a>	\$11	\$151	N/A
<a href="#">Minnesota</a>	Varies by species and weapon	Varies by species and weapon	Varies by species and weapon
<a href="#">Mississippi</a>	\$14-\$25	All Game: Annual - \$300, 7-Day Trip - \$150, 3-Day Trip - \$150	Resident - \$500-\$1000, Non-Resident - \$1,500

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<u>Missouri</u>	\$10-\$50	\$10-\$50	\$70-\$800 (Varies by age)
<u>Montana</u>	\$10	\$15	N/A
<u>Nebraska</u>	\$18	\$97	N/A
<u>Nevada</u>	\$15-\$75	Annual - \$15-\$155, 1-Day Trip - \$23	N/A
<u>New Hampshire</u>	\$32	\$113	\$9-\$900 (Varies by age)
<u>New Jersey</u>	\$27-\$31	\$135	N/A
<u>New Mexico</u>	\$15	\$65	N/A
<u>New York</u>	\$22	\$100	\$65-\$765 (Varies by age)
<u>North Carolina</u>	\$25	\$100	\$265
<u>North Dakota</u>	\$10-\$30	Big Game - \$250-\$600; Small Game - \$100	N/A
<u>Ohio</u>	\$19	\$180	\$85-\$450 (Varies by age)
<u>Oklahoma</u>	\$20-\$100	\$20-\$500	\$625
<u>Oregon</u>	\$34	\$172	N/A
<u>Pennsylvania</u>	\$20	\$101	N/A
<u>Rhode Island</u>	\$21	\$55	N/A
<u>South Carolina</u>	\$12	N/A	\$300
<u>South Dakota</u>	\$5-\$200	\$10-\$650	N/A
<b><u>Tennessee</u></b>	<b>\$33</b>	<b>\$305</b>	<b>\$320-\$1976 (Varies by age)</b>
<u>Texas</u>	\$25	\$315	\$1,000
<u>Utah</u>	\$13-\$45	\$29-\$400	N/A
<u>Vermont</u>	\$28	\$102	N/A
<u>Virginia</u>	\$23	\$111	\$25-\$260 (Varies by age)
<u>Washington</u>	\$3.80-\$332	\$110-\$1,652	N/A
<u>West Virginia</u>	\$5-\$19	\$2-119	\$805
<u>Wisconsin</u>	\$18-\$24	\$85-\$250	\$312-\$703 (Varies by age)
<u>Wyoming</u>	\$2-\$37	\$19-\$1,200	\$311-\$496.50

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