

Ohio's motor vehicle license tax generated \$590 million in 2021 for local transportation infrastructure

Distributions to Local Governments for Roads and Bridges in 2021 (\$ rounded to the nearest million)				
Type of Tax	Counties Levy authority: up to \$20	Municipalities Levy authority: \$5 to \$25*	Townships Levy authority: up to \$10	Total
State Tax <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Passenger cars: \$20 Other vehicles: varies, with commercial trucks and tractors taxed according to weight. 	\$262	\$64	\$17	\$343
Permissive Local Tax <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Levied by local governments in \$5 increments. Total amount levied cannot exceed \$30 per vehicle. 	\$150	\$69	\$28	\$247
Total	\$412	\$133	\$45	\$590

*The amount that a municipality can levy depends on the amount that is levied by the county.

Source: Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles

- In 2021, \$590 million in state and local permissive motor vehicle license tax revenue was distributed to counties, municipalities, and townships to fund the planning, construction, and maintenance of roads and bridges.
- The annual cost to register a passenger car in Ohio (state plus local permissive motor vehicle license taxes and fees) ranges from \$36 to \$66. It is distributed as follows:
 - \$20 to local governments;
 - \$11 to the Department of Public Safety for expenses incurred in administering and enforcing motor vehicle and traffic laws;
 - \$5 to deputy registrars (or the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) for mail-in and online transactions) as a service fee; and
 - \$0 to \$30 to local governments from levied permissive motor vehicle licenses taxes.
- Of the 13.5 million vehicle registrations processed by the BMV in 2021, 9.2 million were passenger cars.