



Cost of a DUI in Georgia



Each year in Georgia about 200,000 people are arrested for DUI. How much will a “couple of beers” cost you?



- Bail: \$150-\$2,500.** Cost of bail depends on how many offenses you've had, circumstances of arrest and blood alcohol level.
- Towing: \$50-\$200.** The cost of towing and impounding a car can add up daily. Some cities even auction your car if you can't afford to get it back after 30 days.
- Insurance (if convicted): \$4,500 or more.** One of the biggest expenses a person arrested for DUI faces is insurance premium increases. Insurance rates can rise for three to five years and companies will classify the policy as high-risk.
- Legal Fees: \$2,000-\$25,000.** Some lawyers charge as little as \$1,500 for a quick plea or a one time court appearance. When so much is at stake, many people arrested for DUI choose to fight the charge. Legal fees get much higher with lawyers that will investigate and fight the charge. A private lawyer will be at least 2 to 3 times higher than a public defender. Further, some courts make you pay back your court appointed lawyer fees and if you don't pay you go to jail.
- Fines: \$300-\$5000.** Depending on offense and past conviction record.
- Alcohol evaluation (if convicted): \$95-\$300.** An evaluation is required for anyone who is sentenced by court for drunken driving.
- Alcohol Education and treatment (if convicted): \$500-\$4,000 for basic treatment.** If you are convicted, you usually go through an education or treatment program, especially if your license has been suspended.
- License reinstatement fees (if convicted): \$210-\$410.** If you are convicted of a DUI in Georgia (or any other state), you can expect to face several fees to secure the reinstatement of your driver's license.

Average TOTAL of a DUI is \$10,000