

Small Claims Limits & Fees

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

Small claims court has a dollar limit and a filing fee that vary by state. Confirm your state and court before filing.

Quick Reference (Benchmarks)

State	Max Claim	Typical Filing Fee
California	\$12,500 (individuals)	\$30 – \$75
Texas	\$20,000	~\$54
New York	\$10,000 (NYC)	\$15 – \$20
Florida	\$8,000	\$55 – \$300
Illinois	\$10,000	\$90 – \$250

■ These are benchmarks/examples — always confirm the exact figure for your state or provider on the official source.

Record Your Case

My state: _____

Claim limit: _____

Filing fee: _____

Court name/location: _____

Notes

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