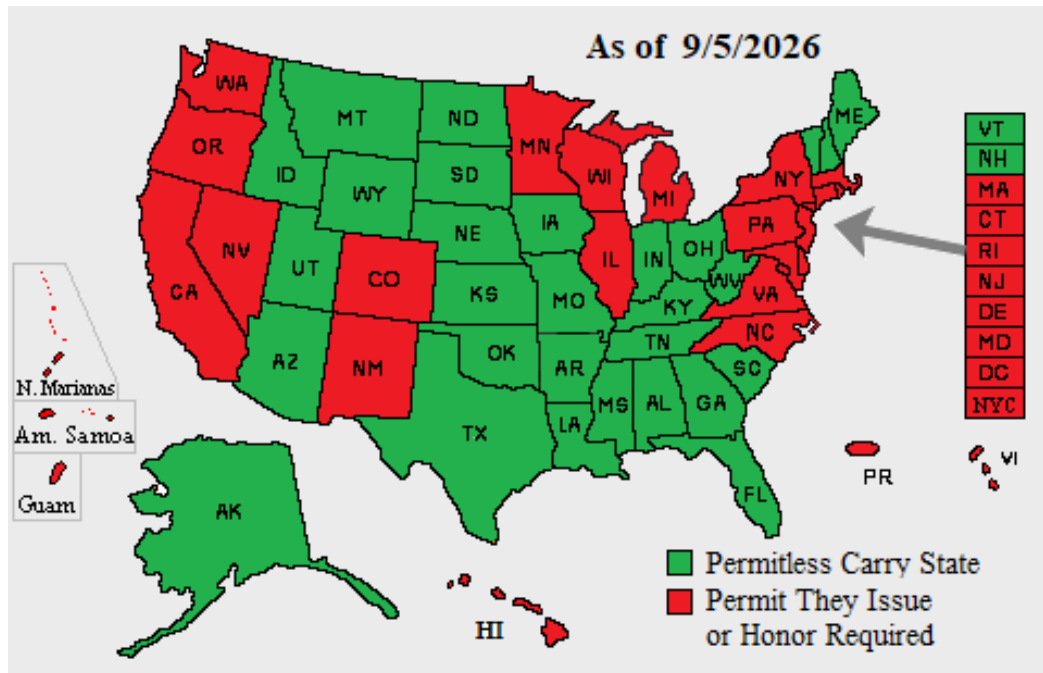


Permitless Carry States

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Notice: Click on the States Name to view information on any restrictions that may apply for those who wish to carry under that states Permitless Carry Law. **Some states have places that require a Carry Permit to carry in some places that are off limits to those carrying under Permitless Carry.** Handgunlaw.us recommends at a minimum that a person should carry their "State Drivers License/Photo ID" when Carrying under Permitless Carry. It is up to you to know the law!



1. [Alabama](#) –Effective date for Permitless Carry: **January 1, 2023** Any person 19 years of age or older who can legally possess a firearm under State and Federal Law can carry a handgun openly or concealed in the State of Alabama without a permit. Anyone with a valid permit issued by another state can carry at 18.

[Alabama Statute 13A-11-85](#)

2. [Alaska](#) - Effective date for Permitless Carry: **September 9, 2003** Any person 21 years of age or older who can legally possess a firearm under State and Federal Law can carry a concealed handgun in the State of Alaska without a permit.

[Alaska Statute § 11.61.220](#)

3. [Arizona](#) - Effective date for Permitless Carry: **July 29, 2010** Any person 21 years of age or older who can legally possess a firearm under State and Federal Law can carry a concealed handgun in the State of Arizona without a permit. Arizona law requires a valid permit from any state to carry into an establishment that serves alcohol for consumption on the premises.

[Arizona Statute § 13-3102](#)

4. [Arkansas](#) - Effective date for Permitless Carry: Law passed **August 16, 2013**. Those in positions of authority in Arkansas could not agree on what the law actually allowed. Some stated it did allow Permitless Carry and others said it didn't. Some local authorities said they would arrest those carrying without a permit. [10/17/18 Court Ruling](#) confirmed Permitless Carry in Arkansas. Any person 21 years of age or older who can legally possess a firearm under State and Federal Law or those 18 years of age or older who are Active Military, National Guard, Reserve or Honorably Discharged Veterans can carry a concealed handgun in Arkansas without a permit. [AR HR1013 Affirming Permitless Carry](#) [Arkansas Statutes § 5-73-120 & 5-73-329](#)

5. **Florida** - Effective date for Permitless Carry: **July 1, 2023** Any person ~~21~~ **18** years of age or older who can legally possess a firearm under State and Federal Law can carry a concealed handgun in the State of Florida without a permit. [Florida Statute 790.01](#)
6. **Georgia** – Effective date for Permitless Carry: **April 12, 2022**. Anyone who can legally possess a firearm under state and federal law and is 21 or older or 18 to 20 years of age and are Active Military/Honorably Discharged Veteran can carry a firearm openly or concealed without any type of Permit/License in Georgia. 18 with any States valid Permit/License. Article 1-6 - Article 4 – Part 3 [Georgia Statute § 16-11-125.1](#)
7. **Indiana** – Effective date for Permitless Carry: **July 1, 2022**. Any person 18 years of age or older who can legally possess a firearm under State and Federal Law can carry a handgun openly or concealed in the State of Indiana without a permit. [Indiana Statute 35-47-2-3](#)
8. **Idaho** - Effective date for Permitless Carry: **July 1, 2016**. Additions **July 1, 2019 & July 1, 2020**. Any U.S. Citizen 18 years of age or older or a member of the U.S. Armed Forces who can legally possess a firearm under State and Federal Law can carry a concealed handgun in Idaho without any type of permit. [Idaho Statute § 18-3302](#)
9. **Iowa** - Effective date for Permitless Carry: **July 1, 2021**. Any person 18 years of age or older who can legally possess a firearm under State and Federal Law can carry a handgun openly or concealed in the State of Iowa without a permit. [Iowa Statute § 724.5](#)
10. **Kansas** - Effective date for Permitless Carry: **July 1, 2015** Any person 21 years of age or older who can legally possess a firearm under State and Federal Law can carry a concealed handgun in the State of Kansas without a permit. Active Military and their Dependents at 18. [Kansas Statute § 21-6302](#)
11. **Kentucky** - Effective date for Permitless Carry: **June 27, 2019** Any person 21 years of age or older who can legally possess a firearm under State and Federal Law can carry a concealed handgun in the State of Kentucky without a permit. [Kentucky Statute § 237.109](#)
12. **Louisiana** – Effective date for Permitless Carry: **July 4, 2024** Any person 18 years of age or older who can legally possess a firearm under State and Federal Law can carry a concealed handgun in the State of Louisiana without a permit. [Louisiana Statute RS 40:1379.3](#)
13. **Maine** - Effective date for Permitless Carry: **October 12, 2015** Maine's Permitless Carry applies to any person 21 years of age or older who can legally possess a firearm under State and Federal Law. Active Military or Honorably Discharged Veterans 18 years of age or older who can legally possess a firearm can carry a concealed handgun without a permit. Permits Maine issues/honors can carry in some places that those carrying under Permitless Carry can't legally carry. Maine also does not honor all other states but only states that honor them. Click on the states name for more information on Maine. [Maine Statute 252 § 2001-A](#)
14. **Mississippi** - Effective date for Permitless Carry: **July 1, 2015** Any person 18 years of age or older who can legally possess a firearm under State and Federal Law can carry a concealed handgun in the State of Mississippi without a permit. [Mississippi Statutes § 97-37-1 & § 45-9-101](#)
15. **Missouri** - Effective date for Permitless Carry: **January 1, 2017** Any person who can legally possess a firearm under State and Federal Law and is 19 years of age. Military 18 years of age can carry a concealed handgun in Missouri without a permit. [Missouri Statute Title XXXVIII § 571.030](#)

16. [Montana](#) - Montana passed limited Permitless Carry in September 1991. Statewide Permitless Carry became effective **February 18, 2021**. Any person 18 or older who can legally possess a firearm under State and Federal Law can carry a concealed handgun without a permit. [Montana Statute § 45-8-316](#)
17. [Nebraska](#) – Effective date for Permitless Carry: **September 2, 2023**. Any person 21 years of age or older who can legally possess a firearm under State and Federal Law can carry a concealed handgun in the State of Nebraska without a permit. Active Military/Reserves at 18. [Nebraska Statutes § 28-1202.01 & § 69-2445](#)
18. [New Hampshire](#) - Effective date for Permitless Carry: **February 22, 2017** Any person 18 years of age or older who can legally possess a firearm under State and Federal Law can carry a concealed handgun in the State of New Hampshire without a permit. [New Hampshire Statute Title XII § 159:6](#)
19. [North Dakota](#) - On **August 1, 2023** North Dakota made Permitless Carry apply to everyone who is 18 or older who can legally possess a firearm under North Dakota and Federal Law. **No Permitless Open Carry.** **August, 1, 2017** North Dakota first passed Permitless Carry which only applied to Residents of North Dakota. [North Dakota Statutes § 62.1-03-01 & § 62.1-04-02 & § 62.1-04-04](#)
20. [Ohio](#) - Effective date of Permitless Carry **June 13, 2022**. Any person 21 years of age or older or Active U.S. Military Personnel that have firearms training and can legally possess a firearm under State and Federal Law and meet the requirements of Ohio Statute [2923.125](#) (You should read all of 2923.125) can carry a handgun openly or concealed in Ohio without any type of permit/license. 18 if you have a permit to carry from any state. [Ohio Statute 2923.111](#)
21. [Oklahoma](#) - Effective date for Permitless Carry: **November 1, 2019** Any person 21 years of age or older who can legally possess a firearm under State and Federal Law can carry a concealed handgun in Oklahoma. Active Members of the US Military, National Guard or Reserves or an Honorably Discharged Veteran 18 or older can carry a concealed handgun in Oklahoma without a permit. Oklahoma also limits the maximum caliber a person can carry to .45 [Oklahoma Statute Title 21. Chpt. 53 O.S. § 1272](#)
22. [South Carolina](#) - Effective date for Permitless Carry: **March 7, 2024**. Any person 18 years of age or older who can legally possess a firearm under State and Federal Law can carry a handgun openly or concealed in the State of South Carolina without a permit. [South Carolina Statute 23-31-215](#)
23. [South Dakota](#) - Effective date for Permitless Carry: **July 1, 2019** Any person 18 years of age or older who can legally possess a firearm under State and Federal Law can carry a concealed handgun in the State of South Dakota without a permit. [South Dakota Statute § 23-7-7](#)
24. [Tennessee](#) - Effect date for Permitless Carry: **July 1, 2021**. Any person 18 years of age or older who can legally possess a firearm under State and Federal Law can carry openly or concealed in the State of Tennessee without a permit. The Person is in a place where the person is lawfully present. There are places where a permit is still needed to carry in some areas of Tennessee. National/State/City Parks plus other areas. Click on states name for more information. [Tennessee Statute § 39-17-1307](#)
25. [Texas](#) - Effective date for Permitless Carry **September 1, 2021**. Any person 21 years of age or older who can legally possess a firearm under State and Federal Law can carry a handgun in the State of Texas without a permit. Texas has places off limits for those carrying under Permitless carry that is legal for those with a permit Texas Issues or Honors. [Texas Penal Code § 46.02](#)

26. [Utah](#) – Effective date for Permitless Carry: **May 5 2021.** Any person 21 years of age or older who can legally possess a firearm under State and Federal Law can carry a **Concealed Handgun** in Utah without a permit. [Utah Statute § 53-5a-102.2](#)

27. [Vermont](#) - Effective date for Permitless Carry: **March 4, 1791** Laws usually tells us what we can't do. Vermont doesn't have a law saying carrying a concealed firearm for self defense is illegal. Any person 18 years of age or older who can legally possess a firearm under State and Federal Law can carry a concealed handgun in the State of Vermont without a permit. [Vermont Statute Title 13: Chpt. 85: § 4003](#)

28. [West Virginia](#) - Effective date for Permitless Carry: **May 26, 2016** Under Permitless Carry U.S Citizens or legal residents 18 years of age or older who can legally possess a firearm under State and Federal Law can carry a concealed handgun without a permit. Without a permit West Virginia Issues or Honors you can't have a loaded or stored firearm inside your vehicle in K-12 parking areas. Age for Permitless carry lowered to 18 from 21 on June 12, 2026 per [HB 4106](#). [West Virginia Statute § 61-7-7](#) & [§ 61-7-6](#)

29. [Wyoming](#) - Effective dates for Permitless Carry: **July 1, 2011** was restricted to Wyoming residents only. **July 1, 2021** Statute passed to allow any person ~~21~~ 18 years of age or older who can legally possess a firearm under State and Federal Law and a resident of the USA can carry a concealed handgun in WY without a permit. Age Lowered to 18 on 7/1/2026 per [HB 96](#). [Wyoming Statute § 6-8-104](#)

Notice: When carrying a firearm in any state you must go by the Laws/Regulations on carrying firearms in that state. It is your responsibility to know those Laws/Regulations. If states restricts Permitless Carry to just their residents the listing would state that. No state at this time is for Residents only. Active Military or Veterans who can carry under that exemption in some states (Under 21) should carry their military ID or if discharged their DD214. Some of the listed states may allow the carrying of other weapons under their Permitless Carry statutes. All states listed above still issue permits to carry except Vermont which has never required a permit to carry. For more information on Permitless Carry and other state specific laws click on the states name for addition information on that state with links to state resources. <https://www.handgunlaw.us>

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3/8/2024 - South Carolina Entry Added.

7/4/2024 – Louisiana Now a Permitless Carry State.

9/10/2024 - Wording and Current Date Added at Top of Page to Reflect That You Should Carry Photo ID. All Links Checked.

11/6/2024 – All Links Checked.

3/7/2025 – All Links Checked.

9/12/2025 – Florida Entry Updated. Removed Must Conceal Carry. All Links Checked.

10/20/2025 – Map Date Updated. All Links Checked.

1/1/2026 – Date on Map Updated.

1/22/2026 – Map Date Updated. All Links Checked.

3/20/2026 – Map Date Updated. All Links Checked.

6/12/2026 – West Virginia Entry Updated. Age for Permitless Carry Lowered to 18 from 21 Per [HB 4106](#). All Links Checked.

7/1/2026 – Wyoming Entry Updated Age Lowered to 18 per [HB 96](#). . . Date on Map Updated.

7/9/2026 – Florida Entry Updated. Court Case Lowered Age to Carry With/Without a Permit or Open Carry to 18.

9/5/2026 – All Links Checked. Date on Map Updated.