



State Statute of Limitations Chart

This summary is intended as a brief overview of state statute of limitation laws and requirements. Generally speaking the statute of limitations is the legally prescribed time limit in which a lawsuit must be filed. The statute of limitations sets forth the maximum period of time, after certain events, that legal proceedings based on those events may be initiated. Every effort has been made to assure that the information that follows is up-to-date as of the date of publication. The statute of limitation is listed in years.

Please remember that state laws may change. This summary cannot substitute for the independent judgment and skills of your attorney. The information contained in this chart is only a summary. Many states have very extensive and specific statute of limitation requirements. This chart may be used as a beginning point of research, but should not be relied upon as a complete and exhaustive list of requirements. You must consult your attorney for legal advice.

Several states allow for the revival of judgments. This means the judgment holder can renew the judgment and restart the statute of limitations to run for another period of time.

	Alabama	Alaska	Arizona	Arkansas	California	Colorado	Connecticut	Delaware	District of Columbia	Florida	Georgia	Hawaii	Idaho	Illinois	Indiana	Iowa	Kansas	Kentucky	Louisiana *	Maine	Maryland	Massachusetts	Michigan	Minnesota	Mississippi	Missouri	Montana	Nebraska	Nevada	New Hampshire	New Jersey	New Mexico	New York	North Carolina	North Dakota	Ohio	Oklahoma	Oregon	Pennsylvania	Rhode Island	South Carolina
Oral Contracts	6	3	3	3	2	6	3	3	3	4	4	6	4	5	6	5	3	5	10	6	3	6	6	6	3	5	5	4	4	3	6	4	6	3	6	6	3	6	4	10	3
Written Contracts	6	3	6	5	4	6	6	6	3	5	6	6	5	10	10	10	5	10	10	6	3	6	6	6	3	10	8	5	6	3	6	6	6	3	6	8	5	6	4	10	3
Judgments	20	10	4	10	10	6	20	5	12	20	7	10	6	20	20	20	5	15	10	20	12	20	10	10	7	10	10	5	6	20	20	14	20	10	10	10	5	10	4	20	10
Open Accounts	3			4														3							5																

*An action on a money lent must be brought within 3 years. An action on a negotiable instrument must be brought within 5 years.

	<i>South Dakota</i>	<i>Tennessee</i>	<i>Texas</i>	<i>Utah</i>	<i>Vermont</i>	<i>Virginia</i>	<i>Washington</i>	<i>West Virginia</i>	<i>Wisconsin</i>	<i>Wyoming</i>
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Written Contracts	6	6	4	6	6	5	6	10	6	10
Judgments	20	10	10	8	8	20	10	10	20	10
Open Accounts										

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