

What is the 2015 Age of Consent in Oregon?

The Oregon legal Age of Consent for sexual contact is **18 years old**. There are a total of eleven states have set their age of consent at 18 years old, the highest legal age of consent in any state.

Oregon has a 3-year close-in-age exception to the age of consent, so the perpetrator cannot be prosecuted if he is less than 3 years older than the minor. Older perpetrators will be charged with a misdemeanor or a felony based on the age of the victim: Under 18 - Defined as Sexual Abuse 3 (Class A Misdemeanor), Under 16 - Defined as Rape 3 / Sodomy 3 (Class C Felony), Under 14 - Defined as Rape 2 / Sodomy 2 (Class B Felony) and Under 12 - Defined as Rape 1 / Sodomy 1 (Class A Felony).

Oregon Close-In-Age Exemption

Oregon has a *close-in-age exemption*, also known as a "Romeo and Juliet law", to the legal age of consent. This provision allows partners who are close in age, or both under the Oregon age of consent, to engage in consensual sex without fear of prosecution under Oregon age of consent regulations.