

# Piano Restoration Costs: What to Expect in 2024

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## Cost breakdown by restoration type

Restoration Type	Typical Cost Range (CAD)	Notes
Full restoration	\$4,000 to \$8,000+	Soundboard, strings, keys, cabinet
Cabinet refinishing	\$800 to \$2,000	Stripping, sanding, new finish
Key recovery (white keys)	\$400 to \$900	Acrylic or new key tops
Action regulation	\$250 to \$600	All 88 keys adjusted
String replacement	\$2,000 to \$5,000	Depends on piano size and age
Voicing	\$200 to \$450	Adjusting tone quality
Pinblock replacement	\$1,500 to \$4,000	Necessary for older instruments
Tuning after restoration	\$150 to \$300	Multiple sessions may be needed

## Is your piano worth restoring?

- Was the piano originally manufactured by a reputable brand (Steinway, Yamaha, Kawai, Baldwin)?
- Is the soundboard intact without significant cracks running through the bridge area?
- Does the pinblock hold tuning reasonably well, or is pitch stable for at least 3 months?
- Is the structural frame (plate and back posts) free from cracks?
- Does the piano have sentimental value that makes restoration worthwhile beyond market value?

## Red flags that suggest disposal over restoration

- X Cracked plate (the cast iron harp inside the piano)
- X Severely cracked soundboard with splits running through the treble bridge
- X Pinblock so deteriorated that tuning is impossible even after replacement
- X Total restoration cost exceeds the piano's market value by more than 2x

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