

What are citations?

Enforcement officers issue traffic citations (tickets) to drivers for violations of traffic laws. Most citations are written on the Wisconsin Uniform Traffic Citation (UTC) form. Each citation must be resolved by a court action.

What are convictions?

A traffic conviction results from a guilty plea or court finding of guilty when a person is cited for a traffic violation. When a court finds a driver guilty of a charge, the person usually pays a fine or forfeiture and is assessed demerit points on point assessable offenses.

What happens to citations and convictions?

The courts forward all citations to the DMV. The DMV is required to record convictions to establish a person's driving history. The DMV maintains this history of Wisconsin drivers to determine when license withdrawal is necessary. Some single convictions require that DMV withdraw a license. Other times a driver's accumulation of demerit points triggers an action.

How long does a conviction remain on the record?

In general, convictions remain on the driver record for five years from date of conviction. There are some situations, however, where entries remain on the record beyond five years. These include non-compliance with a driver safety plan, unsatisfied damage judgments, all commercial motor vehicle disqualifying convictions and alcohol related convictions.

Do convictions from other states affect a person's Wisconsin record?

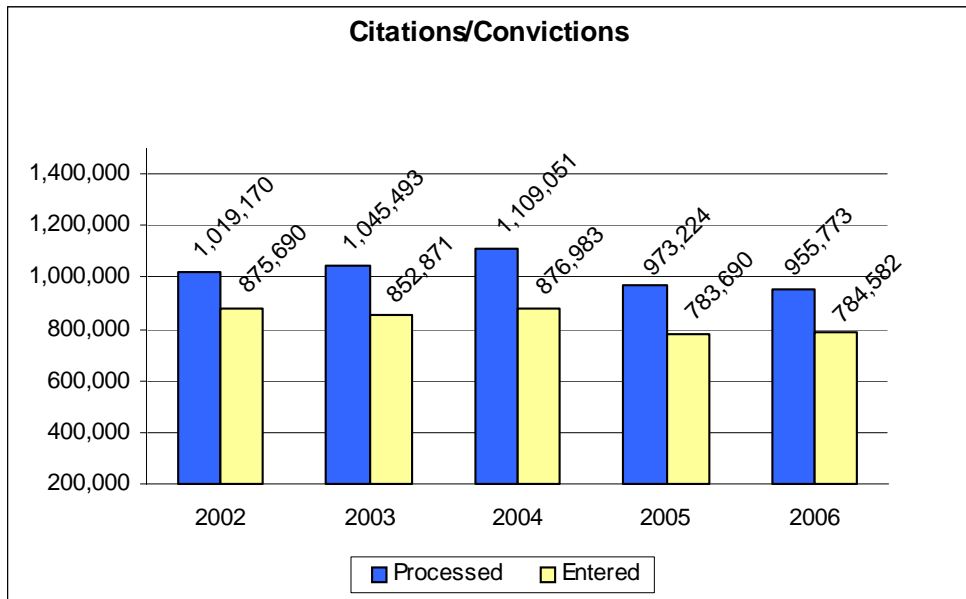
Yes, when Wisconsin drivers are convicted in other states DMV enters the convictions on the Wisconsin driver record but without points being assessed. With a serious offense, such as operating while intoxicated, drivers may lose their operating privilege.

What happens to out-of-state drivers?

When a nonresident is convicted in Wisconsin, DMV notifies the driver's home state of the offense so that state can take appropriate action. A Wisconsin driver record is created for major offenses and license withdrawals are entered the same as for a Wisconsin driver.

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‘Entered’ means convictions were posted to the Driver Record.

‘Processed’ includes convictions posted to the Driver Record and those that do not post to the Driver Record. For example, tickets that are written to out-of-state drivers, to companies, that are dismissed, or not guilty, etc., still need to be sorted, filmed, and processed because of UTC accountability issues.

**Traffic Convictions Entered on Driver Record File
January–December 2006**

Rank	Code	Charge	Quantity YTD	% of Total
1	SI	Speeding Intermediate (11-19 over limit)	141,127	17.99%
2	FFS	Failure to Fasten Seat Belt	73,827	9.41%
3	S	Speeding (1-10 over speed limit)	64,720	8.25%
4	OVS	Operating While Suspended	58,210	7.42%
5	UV	Unregistered Vehicle	42,824	5.46%
6	OWI	Operat. under influence intoxicant/controlled substance	35,259	4.49%
7	FOS	FailUre to Obey Traffic Sign or Signal	34,993	4.46%
8	UAL	Underage Alcohol (207)	30,229	3.85%
9	SE	Speeding Excess (20 or more over limit)	29,014	3.70%
10	OAR	Operating After Revocation	25,412	3.24%
11	OWL	Operating w/o Driver License	25,284	3.22%
12	DS	Defective Speedometer	20,116	2.56%
13	ORS	Operating while Registration Suspended (209) .	18,422	2.35%
14	IP	Improper Plates	13,218	1.68%
15	FYR	Failure to Yield Right of Way	12,693	1.62%
16	LNP	License not on person	12,214	1.56%
17	D	Drug Conviction	10,874	1.39%
18	SVL	Signal Violation	10,062	1.28%
19	ID	Inattentive Driving	9,228	1.18%
20	PAC	Prohibited Alcohol Concentration (212)	8,546	1.09%
21	OT	Obstructing Traffic	7,952	1.01%
22	IL	No or improper lights	6,596	0.84%
23	FTC	Following too Closely	5,910	0.75%
24	JA	Juvenile Alcohol*	5,683	0.72%
25	IVO	Intoxicant in Vehicle - Operator	5,639	0.72%
26	VOR	Violation of Restriction	5,358	0.68%
27	IT	Illegal Turn	4,692	0.60%
28	IS	Imprudent Speed	4,691	0.60%
29	DOF	Deface or Obstruct Official Sign	3,914	0.50%
30	FRA	Failure to Report Accident	3,726	0.47%
31	FPS	Failure to Pay Support (205)	3,720	0.47%
32	TFC	Too Fast for Conditions	3,615	0.46%
33	DLT	Deviating from Lane of Traffic	3,558	0.45%
34	CSR	Child Safety Restraint	3,009	0.38%
35	PI	Passing Illegally	2,895	0.37%
36	T	Truancy	2,866	0.37%
37	IC	Implied Consent	2,655	0.34%
38	IM	Improper Muffler	2,461	0.31%
39	RD	Reckless Driving	2,262	0.29%
40	DWS	Driving on Wrong Side of Highway	2,189	0.28%
41	DSP	Duty Upon Striking Property	1,704	0.22%
42	FVC	Failure to Keep Vehicle Under Control	1,629	0.21%
43	BI	Backing Illegally	1,586	0.20%
44	FSU	Failure to Stop After Accident unattended vehicle	1,473	0.19%
45	UAO	Underage Alcohol Operation**	1,194	0.15%
46	FSB	Failure to Stop for School Bus	1,175	0.15%
47	IE	Improper Equipement	1,150	0.15%

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Rank	Code	Charge	Quantity YTD	% of Total
48	PUP	Permitting Unauthorized Person to Operate	1,077	0.14%
49	IIV	Intoxicant in Vehicle Underage Person	1,051	0.13%
50	FSA	Failure to Stop After Accident	999	0.13%
51	AEO	Attempt to Elude Officer	836	0.11%
52	FNC	Failure to Notify of Address or Name Change	818	0.10%
53	CSI	Commercial Speeding Intermediate (15-19 over)	811	0.10%
54	UN	Unnecessary noise	776	0.10%
55	DOW	Driving over Walk	770	0.10%
56	OV	Obstructed View or Control	711	0.09%
57	IVP	Intoxicant in Vehicle - Passenger	671	0.09%
58	FGS	Failure to Give Signal	557	0.07%
59	JCS	Juvenile Controlled Substances (under 17)	514	0.07%
60	OII	Operating while Intoxicated Causing Injury	456	0.06%
61	POH	Parking on Highway	435	0.06%
62	UID	Underage ID (208)	411	0.05%
63	FTT	Failure to Transfer Title	319	0.04%
64	R	Racing	304	0.04%
65	IB	Improper Brakes	293	0.04%
66	CDL	Commercial Deviating from Lane of Traffic	233	0.03%
67	CFC	Commercial Following too Closely.	223	0.03%
68	SLL	Special Limitations on Load	221	0.03%
69	TPV	Transporting Person or Vehicle Illegally	197	0.03%
70	UA	Unnecessary Acceleration	180	0.02%
71	FDL	Failure to Dim Lights	158	0.02%
72	CD	Careless Driving (out-of-state only)	137	0.02%
73	RPS	Restrictions on Parking and Stopping	125	0.02%
74	DDH	Driving on Divided Highway	122	0.02%
75	OWD	Operating while Disqualified	120	0.02%
76	MOO	Miscellaneous. Driving Offenses (204)	111	0.01%
77	CSE	Commercial Speeding Excess (20 or more over)	108	0.01%
78	CWI	Commercial Operating While Intoxicated	99	0.01%
79	CUL	Commercial Unlawful License'	90	0.01%
80	IUL	Illegal use of Operator's License	89	0.01%
81	CIS	Commercial Imprudent Speed	82	0.01%
82	CPI	Commercial Passing Illegally	80	0.01%
83	FYL	Flashing Yellow Violation	65	0.01%
84	RVL	Roadway Violation	63	0.01%
85	VUF	Vehicle Used in Commission of Felony	63	0.01%
86	FA	Falsified Application	62	0.01%
87	CTF	Commercial Too Fast for Conditions	52	0.01%
88	GBH	Great Bodily Harm	48	0.01%
89	OML	Operating with Multiple Licenses	47	0.01%
90	TCC	Transporting Children in Cargo Area of Motor Vehicle	43	0.01%
91	FD	Found Delinquent	34	0.00%
92	LOL	Loaning of License	34	0.00%
93	CDS	Comm. Duty upon Striking Property	29	0.00%
94	NHI	Negligent Homicide Intoxicated	29	0.00%
95	CFR	Commercial Failure to Report Accident	27	0.00%
96	CRD	Commercial Reckless Driving	26	0.00%
97	FAR	Falsified Accident Report	23	0.00%
98	JID	Juvenile ID	19	0.00%

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Rank	Code	Charge	Quantity YTD	% of Total
99	PLS	Projecting Loads on Side of Vehicle	19	0.00%
100	CFU	Comm. Failure to Stop after Accident (unattended Veh)	17	0.00%
101	CPB	Commercial Possession of Intoxicant Beverage	15	0.00%
102	COO	Commercial 0.0 -Not-a-Drop	14	0.00%
103	NH	Negligent Homicide	13	0.00%
104	CFH	Crossing Fire Hose	12	0.00%
105	CCD	Commercial Careless Driving (out-of-state only)	11	0.00%
106	SOL	Surrender of Licenses upon Cancellation, Rev or Sus	10	0.00%
107	CA	Commercial Alcohol	9	0.00%
108	ICU	Implied Consent Underage	4	0.00%
109	IR	Illegal Riding	4	0.00%
110	UBH	Unnecessary blowing of horn	4	0.00%
111	ADL	Altering Driver License	3	0.00%
112	CFS	Commercial Failure to Stop After Accident	3	0.00%
113	RRF	Railroad Failure to stop	3	0.00%
114	CIC	Commercial Implied Consent	2	0.00%
115	HDS	Haz. Commercial Duty Upon Striking Property	2	0.00%
116	HWI.	Haz. Commercial Operating while Intoxicated	2	0.00%
117	MSC	Miscellaneous	2	0.00%
118	OCS	Operating while Intoxicated-Controlled Substance	2	0.00%
119	RRS	Railroad Sign Violation	2	0.00%
120	CBH	Commercial OWI Causing Great Bodily Harm	1	0.00%
121	HFR	Haz. Commercial Failure to Report Accident	1	0.00%
122	IDT	Ignition/Immobilization Device Tampering	1	0.00%
123	LH	Littering highway	1	0.00%
124	MOP	Manufacture/delivery of drug paraphernalia	1	0.00%
125	RRG	Railroad Grade Violation	1	0.00%
126	RRP	Reproducing Evidence of Registration Prohibited	1	0.00%
Total			784,582	

* Under the legal drinking age (under 21); violation under Chapter 48 & 125

** Under 21 years of age; not-a-drop, Statue 345.63(2m)

Note: This report includes an adjustment to first quarter totals to account for backlog.