

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?

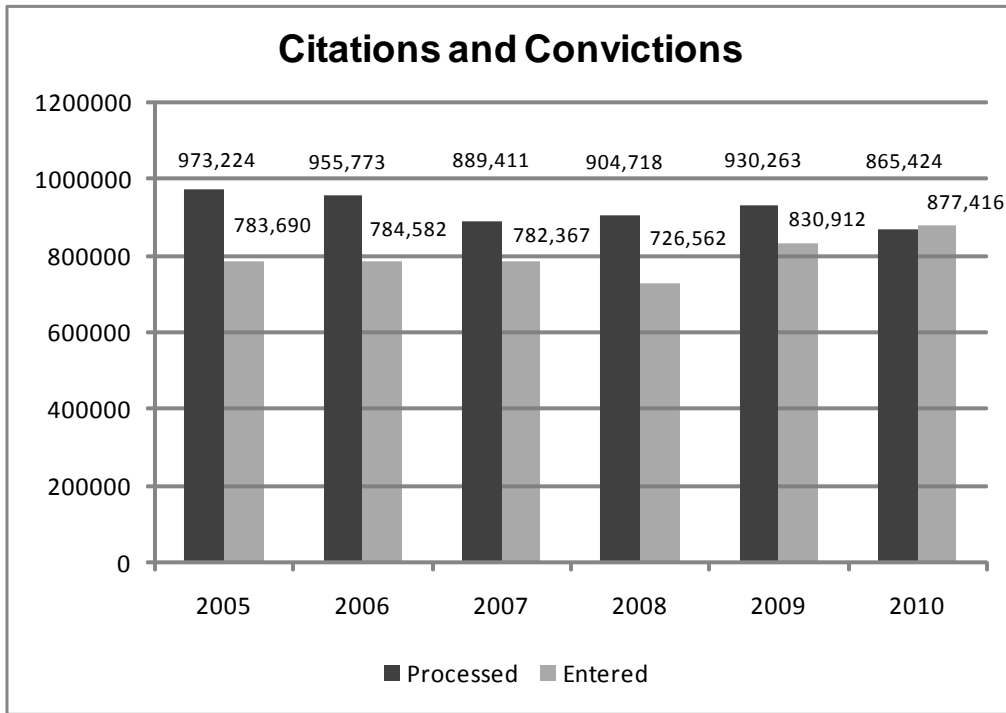
Yes, when Wisconsin drivers are convicted in other states DMV enters the convictions on the Wisconsin driver record but without points being assessed. With a serious offense, such as operating while intoxicated, drivers may lose their operating privilege.

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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Source: Bureau of Driver Services, Citations & Withdrawals Section

‘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 2010**

| Rank | Code | Charge | Quantity YTD | % |
|------|------|---|--------------|--------|
| 1 | SI | Speeding Intermediate (11-19 over limit) | 121,658 | 13.87% |
| 2 | FFS | Failure to Fasten Seat Belt | 119,998 | 13.68% |
| 3 | OWS | Operating While Suspended | 71,903 | 8.19% |
| 4 | S | Speeding (1-10 over speed limit) | 60,095 | 6.85% |
| 5 | UV | Unregistered Vehicle | 45,393 | 5.17% |
| 6 | FOS | Failure to Obey Traffic Sign or Signal | 32,471 | 3.70% |
| 7 | OWI | Operat. under influence intoxicant/controlled substance | 31,924 | 3.64% |
| 8 | OWL | Operating w/o Driver License | 30,609 | 3.49% |
| 9 | OAR | Operating After Revocation | 29,900 | 3.41% |
| 10 | ORS | Operating while Registration Suspended (209) | 29,581 | 3.37% |
| 11 | BAC | Blood Alcohol Concentration (prohibited) | 27,893 | 3.18% |
| 12 | UAL | Underage Alcohol (207) | 22,699 | 2.59% |
| 13 | SE | Speeding Excess (20 or more over limit) | 20,717 | 2.36% |
| 14 | CNI | Compulsory Insurance - No Insurance | 17,230 | 1.96% |
| 15 | DS | Defective Speedometer | 16,692 | 1.90% |
| 16 | LNP | License not on person | 14,383 | 1.64% |
| 17 | D | Drug Conviction | 13,464 | 1.53% |
| 18 | CNP | Compulsory Insurance - No Proof | 13,403 | 1.53% |
| 19 | IP | Improper Plates | 13,099 | 1.49% |
| 20 | FYR | Failure to Yield Right of Way | 10,674 | 1.22% |
| 21 | ID | Inattentive Driving | 9,412 | 1.07% |
| 22 | SVL | Signal Violation | 9,046 | 1.03% |
| 23 | OT | Obstructing Traffic | 8,214 | 0.94% |
| 24 | IL | No or improper lights | 8,079 | 0.92% |
| 25 | PAC | Prohibited Alcohol Concentration (212) | 7,682 | 0.88% |
| 26 | RPS | Restrictions on Parking and Stopping | 7,183 | 0.82% |
| 27 | FTC | Following too Closely | 5,627 | 0.64% |
| 28 | CSR | Child Safety Restraint | 4,413 | 0.50% |
| 29 | VOR | Violation of Restriction | 3,929 | 0.45% |
| 30 | IVO | Intoxicant in Vehicle - Operator | 3,882 | 0.44% |
| 31 | IT | Illegal Turn | 3,812 | 0.43% |
| 32 | DLT | Deviating from Lane of Traffic | 3,749 | 0.43% |
| 33 | IS | Imprudent Speed | 3,536 | 0.40% |
| 34 | JA | Juvenile Alcohol* | 3,341 | 0.38% |
| 35 | FRA | Failure to Report Accident | 3,117 | 0.36% |
| 36 | TFC | Too Fast for Conditions | 2,996 | 0.34% |
| 37 | T | Truancy | 2,886 | 0.33% |
| 38 | FPS | Failure to Pay Support (205) | 2,872 | 0.33% |
| 39 | PI | Passing Illegally | 2,845 | 0.32% |
| 40 | DOF | Deface or Obstruct Official Sign | 2,767 | 0.32% |
| 41 | OV | Obstructed View or Control | 2,514 | 0.29% |
| 42 | FVC | Failure to Keep Vehicle Under Control | 2,513 | 0.29% |
| 43 | IC | Implied Consent | 2,349 | 0.27% |
| 44 | IM | Improper Muffler | 2,301 | 0.26% |
| 45 | DWS | Driving on Wrong Side of Highway | 2,092 | 0.24% |
| 46 | RD | Reckless Driving | 1,929 | 0.22% |
| 47 | BI | Backing Illegally | 1,470 | 0.17% |
| 48 | DSP | Duty Upon Striking property | 1,357 | 0.15% |
| 49 | FSU | Failure to Stop After Accident unattended vehicle | 1,278 | 0.15% |
| 50 | POH | Parking on Highway | 1,093 | 0.12% |

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| 51 | IE | Improper Equipment | 1,039 | 0.12% |
| 52 | PUP | Permitting Unauthorized Person to Operate | 1,038 | 0.12% |
| 53 | DOW | Driving over Walk | 1,008 | 0.11% |
| 54 | UAO | Underage Alcohol Operation** | 1,003 | 0.11% |
| 55 | IVP | Intoxicant in Vehicle - Passenger | 992 | 0.11% |
| 56 | FSB | Failure to Stop for School Bus | 904 | 0.10% |
| 57 | FNC | Failure to Notify of Address or Name Change | 890 | 0.10% |
| 58 | IIV | Intoxicant in Vehicle - Underage Person | 742 | 0.08% |
| 59 | FSA | Failure to Stop After Accident | 662 | 0.08% |
| 60 | JCS | Juvenile Controlled Substances (under 17) | 660 | 0.08% |
| 61 | AEO | Attempt to Elude Officer | 639 | 0.07% |
| 62 | VUF | Vehicle Used in Commission of Felony | 545 | 0.06% |
| 63 | UN | Unnecessary noise | 526 | 0.06% |
| 64 | FGS | Failure to Give Signal | 487 | 0.06% |
| 65 | FTT | Failure to Transfer Title | 452 | 0.05% |
| 66 | UID | Underage ID (208) | 377 | 0.04% |
| 67 | OII | Operating while Intoxicated Causing Injury | 357 | 0.04% |
| 68 | CSI | Commercial Speeding Intermediate (15-19 over) | 291 | 0.03% |
| 69 | FDL | Failure to Dim Lights | 286 | 0.03% |
| 70 | IB | Improper Brakes | 267 | 0.03% |
| 71 | SLL | Special Limitations on Load | 228 | 0.03% |
| 72 | TPV | Transporting Person or Vehicle Illegally | 178 | 0.02% |
| 73 | CFC | Commercial Following too Closely | 174 | 0.02% |
| 74 | CDL | Commercial Deviating from Lane of Traffic | 165 | 0.02% |
| 75 | R | Racing | 164 | 0.02% |
| 76 | UA | Unnecessary Acceleration | 132 | 0.02% |
| 77 | CFA | Commercial Failure to Appear (out-of-state only) | 79 | 0.01% |
| 78 | DDH | Driving on Divided Highway | 74 | 0.01% |
| 79 | CTF | Commercial Too Fast for Conditions | 62 | 0.01% |
| 80 | CUL | Commercial Unlawful License | 60 | 0.01% |
| 81 | FYL | Flashing Yellow Violation | 57 | 0.01% |
| 82 | CPI | Commercial Passing Illegally | 52 | 0.01% |
| 83 | CD | Careless Driving (out-of-state only) | 50 | 0.01% |
| 84 | GBH | Great Bodily Harm | 44 | 0.01% |
| 85 | CWI | Commercial Operating while Intoxicated | 42 | 0.00% |
| 86 | IUL | Illegal use of Operator's License | 41 | 0.00% |
| 87 | OWD | Operating while Disqualified | 41 | 0.00% |
| 88 | MDO | Miscellaneous Driving Offenses (204) | 39 | 0.00% |
| 89 | RVL | Roadway Violation | 38 | 0.00% |
| 90 | IDT | Ignition/Immobilization Device Tampering | 36 | 0.00% |
| 91 | OML | Operating with Multiple Licenses | 33 | 0.00% |
| 92 | CSE | Commercial Speeding Excess (20 or more over) | 31 | 0.00% |
| 93 | NHI | Negligent Homicide Intoxicated | 30 | 0.00% |
| 94 | CNC | Commercial Failure to Comply (out-of-state only) | 29 | 0.00% |
| 95 | FAR | Falsified Accident Report | 28 | 0.00% |
| 96 | NH | Negligent Homicide | 27 | 0.00% |
| 97 | CIS | Commercial Imprudent Speed | 25 | 0.00% |
| 98 | CDS | Comm. Duty upon Striking Property | 22 | 0.00% |
| 99 | COO | Commercial 0.0 -Not-a-Drop | 20 | 0.00% |
| 100 | TCC | Transporting Children in Cargo Area of Motor Vehicle | 20 | 0.00% |

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| Rank | Code | Charge | Quantity YTD | % |
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| 101 | CAC | Commercial Admin. Suspension | 17 | 0.00% |
| 102 | CFR | Commercial Failure to Report Accident | 17 | 0.00% |
| 103 | FA | Falsified Application | 17 | 0.00% |
| 104 | PLS | Projecting Loads on Side of Vehicle | 13 | 0.00% |
| 105 | CCD | Commercial Careless Driving (out-of-state only) | 11 | 0.00% |
| 106 | JID | Juvenile ID | 10 | 0.00% |
| 107 | CFP | Commercial Failure to Pay (out-of-state only) | 7 | 0.00% |
| 108 | CRD | Commercial Reckless Driving | 7 | 0.00% |
| 109 | RRP | Reproducing Evidence of Registration Prohibited | 7 | 0.00% |
| 110 | SOL | Surrender of License upon Cancellation Revocation or Suspension | 7 | 0.00% |
| 111 | CFH | CFH | 6 | 0.00% |
| 112 | CPB | Crossing Fire Hose | 6 | 0.00% |
| 113 | OSO | Commercial Possession of Intoxicant Beverage | 6 | 0.00% |
| 114 | CA | Operating while Out of Service | 5 | 0.00% |
| 115 | CFI | Commercial Alcohol | 4 | 0.00% |
| 116 | CFU | Compulsory Insurance - Fraudulent, False or Invalid Proof of Ins | 3 | 0.00% |
| 117 | HDS | Comm. Failure to Stop after Accident (unattended Veh) | 3 | 0.00% |
| 118 | LOL | Haz. Commercial Duty Upon Striking Property | 3 | 0.00% |
| 119 | OCS | Loaning of License | 3 | 0.00% |
| 120 | ADL | Operating while Intoxicated-Controlled Substance | 2 | 0.00% |
| 121 | IR | Altering Driver License | 2 | 0.00% |
| 122 | HAC | Illegal Riding | 1 | 0.00% |
| 123 | HCA | Haz. Commercial Admin. Suspension | 1 | 0.00% |
| 124 | IUC | Haz. Commercial Alcohol | 1 | 0.00% |
| 125 | RRF | Insufficient Undercarriage Clearance | 1 | 0.00% |

Total 877,416

* 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.