

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?

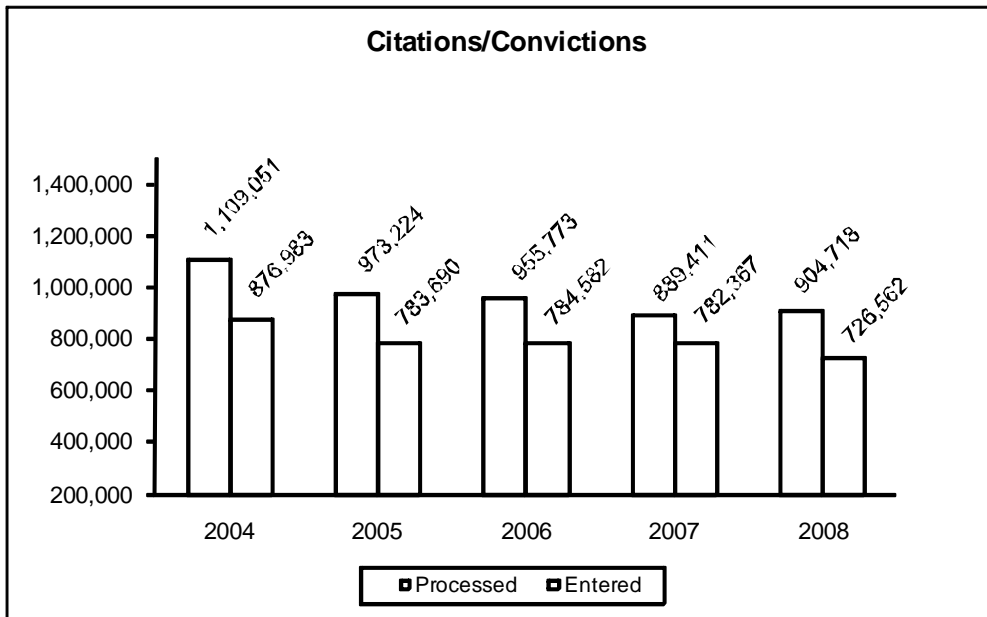
Yes, when Wisconsin drivers are convicted in other states DMV enters the convictions on the Wisconsin driver record but without points being assessed. With a serious offense, such as operating while intoxicated, drivers may lose their operating privilege.

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 2007**

Rank	Code	Charge	Quantity YTD	% of Total
1	SI	Speeding Intermediate (11-19 over limit)	119,962	16.51%
2	FFS	Failure to Fasten Seat Belt	69,533	9.57%
3	OWS	Operating While Suspended	56,143	7.73%
4	S	Speeding (1-10 over speed limit)	49,984	6.88%
5	UV	Unregistered Vehicle	43,795	6.03%
6	OWI	Operat. under influence intoxicant/controlled substance	32,151	4.43%
7	FOS	Failure to Obey Traffic Sign or Signal	30,102	4.14%
8	ORS	Operating while Registration Suspended (209)	26,967	3.71%
9	OWL	Operating w/o Driver License	26,050	3.59%
10	UAL	Underage Alcohol (207)	25,585	3.52%
11	OAR	Operating After Revocation	25,277	3.48%
12	SE	Speeding Excess (20 or more over limit)	22,154	3.05%
13	DS	Defective Speedometer	15,455	2.13%
14	LNP	License not on person	13,679	1.88%
15	IP	Improper Plates	13,526	1.86%
16	D	Drug Conviction	12,324	1.70%
17	FYR	Failure to Yield Right of Way	10,851	1.49%
18	IL	No or improper lights	9,227	1.27%
19	SVL	Signal Violation	8,708	1.20%
20	PAC	Prohibited Alcohol Concentration (212)	8,366	1.15%
21	ID	Inattentive Driving	8,268	1.14%
22	OT	Obstructing Traffic	7,214	0.99%
23	POH	Parking on Highway	5,706	0.79%
24	FTC	Following too Closely	4,996	0.69%
25	IVO	Intoxicant in Vehicle - Operator	4,740	0.65%
26	TFC	Too Fast for Conditions	4,673	0.64%
27	IT	Illegal Turn	4,448	0.61%
28	JA	Juvenile Alcohol*	4,382	0.60%
29	VOR	Violation of Restriction	4,166	0.57%
30	IS	Imprudent Speed	3,660	0.50%
31	T	Truancy	3,655	0.50%
32	CSR	Child Safety Restraint	3,405	0.47%
33	DOF	Deface or Obstruct Official Sign	3,358	0.46%
34	FRA	Failure to Report Accident	3,312	0.46%
35	DLT	Deviating from Lane of Traffic	3,268	0.45%
36	PI	Passing Illegally	2,891	0.40%
37	IC	Implied Consent	2,647	0.36%
38	FPS	Failure to Pay Support (205)	2,635	0.36%
39	IM	Improper Muffler	2,357	0.32%
40	DWS	Driving on Wrong Side of Highway	2,056	0.28%
41	FVC	Failure to Keep Vehicle Under Control	2,034	0.28%
42	RD	Reckless Driving	1,839	0.25%
43	BI	Backing Illegally	1,496	0.21%
44	DSP	Duty Upon Striking property	1,399	0.19%
45	FSU	Failure to Stop After Accident unattended vehicle	1,244	0.17%
46	FSB	Failure to Stop for School Bus	1,105	0.15%
47	UAO	Underage Alcohol Operation**	1,043	0.14%
48	IE	Improper Equipement	1,031	0.14%
49	PUP	Permitting Unauthorized Person to Operate	987	0.14%
50	FNC	Failure to Notify of Address or Name Change	912	0.13%

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51	FSA	Failure to Stop After Accident	871	0.12%
52	IIV	Intoxicant in Vehicle - Underage Person	868	0.12%
53	AEO	Attempt to Elude Officer	758	0.10%
54	DOW	Driving over Walk	702	0.10%
55	JCS	Juvenile Controlled Substances (under 17)	687	0.09%
56	IVP	Intoxicant in Vehicle - Passenger	662	0.09%
57	OV	Obstructed View or Control	613	0.08%
58	CSI	Commercial Speeding Intermediate (15-19 over)	537	0.07%
59	UN	Unnecessary noise	527	0.07%
60	FGS	Failure to Give Signal	485	0.07%
61	OII	Operating while Intoxicated Causing Injury	472	0.06%
62	FTT	Failure to Transfer Title	390	0.05%
63	UID	Underage ID (208)	380	0.05%
64	RVL	Roadway Violation	340	0.05%
65	FDL	Failure to Dim Lights	337	0.05%
66	VUF	Vehicle Used in Commission of Felony	291	0.04%
67	IB	Improper Brakes	266	0.04%
68	SLL	Special Limitations on Load	219	0.03%
69	RPS	Restrictions on Parking and Stopping	199	0.03%
70	R	Racing	195	0.03%
71	CFC	Commercial Following too Closely	187	0.03%
72	CDL	Commercial Deviating from Lane of Traffic	160	0.02%
73	UA	Unnecessary Acceleration	159	0.02%
74	TPV	Transporting Person or Vehicle Illegally	137	0.02%
75	CTF	Commercial Too Fast for Conditions	106	0.01%
76	CUL	Commercial Unlawful License	98	0.01%
77	DDH	Driving on Divided Highway	97	0.01%
78	MDO	Miscellaneous Driving Offenses (204)	82	0.01%
79	CSE	Commercial Speeding Excess (20 or more over)	76	0.01%
80	CWI	Commercial Operating while Intoxicated	65	0.01%
81	IUL	Illegal use of Operator's License	63	0.01%
82	FYL	Flashing Yellow Violation	59	0.01%
83	CPI	Commercial Passing Illegally	58	0.01%
84	CIS	Commercial Imprudent Speed	57	0.01%
85	OWD	Operating while Disqualified	54	0.01%
86	GBH	Great Bodily Harm	50	0.01%
87	OML	Operating with Multiple Licenses	40	0.01%
88	NHI	Negligent Homicide Intoxicated	37	0.01%
89	TCC	Transporting Children in Cargo Area of Motor Vehicle	37	0.01%
90	FAR	Falsified Accident Report	36	0.00%
91	CD	Careless Driving (out-of-state only)	32	0.00%
92	CFR	Commercial Failure to Report Accident	29	0.00%
93	FA	Falsified Application	28	0.00%
94	CDS	Comm. Duty upon Striking Property	24	0.00%
95	COO	Commercial 0.0 -Not-a-Drop	23	0.00%
96	PLS	Projecting Loads on Side of Vehicle	22	0.00%
97	IR	Illegal Riding	20	0.00%
98	CFU	Comm. Failure to Stop after Accident (unattended Veh)	19	0.00%
99	NH	Negligent Homicide	19	0.00%
100	CRD	Commercial Reckless Driving	14	0.00%
101	FD	Found Delinquent	14	0.00%
102	SOL	Surrender of License upon Cancellation Revocation or Suspension	12	0.00%
103	LOL	Loaning of License	11	0.00%

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Rank	Code	Charge	Quantity YTD	% of Total
104	JID	Juvenile ID	9	0.00%
105	CPB	Commercial Possession of Intoxicant Beverage	8	0.00%
106	IDT	Ignition/Immobilization Device Tampering	8	0.00%
107	CFH	Crossing Fire Hose	7	0.00%
108	CA	Commercial Alcohol	6	0.00%
109	CCD	Commercial Careless Driving (out-of-state only)	6	0.00%
110	RRP	Reproducing Evidence of Registration Prohibited	5	0.00%
111	CIC	Commercial Implied Consent	4	0.00%
112	CFS	Commercial Failure to Stop After Accident	3	0.00%
113	HFR	Haz. Commercial Failure to Report Accident	3	0.00%
114	ADL	Altering Driver License	2	0.00%
115	HFS	Haz. Commercial Failure to Stop After Accident	2	0.00%
116	RRF	Railroad Failure to Stop	2	0.00%
117	UTR	Unlawful Transfer of Evidence of Registration	2	0.00%
118	CII	Commercial OWI Causing Injury	1	0.00%
119	HWI	Haz. Commercial Operating while Intoxicated	1	0.00%
120	RRG	Railroad Grade Violation	1	0.00%
121	RRS	Railroad Sign Violation	1	0.00%
122	UBH	Unnecessary blowing of horn	1	0.00%
Total			726,562	

* 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.