

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?

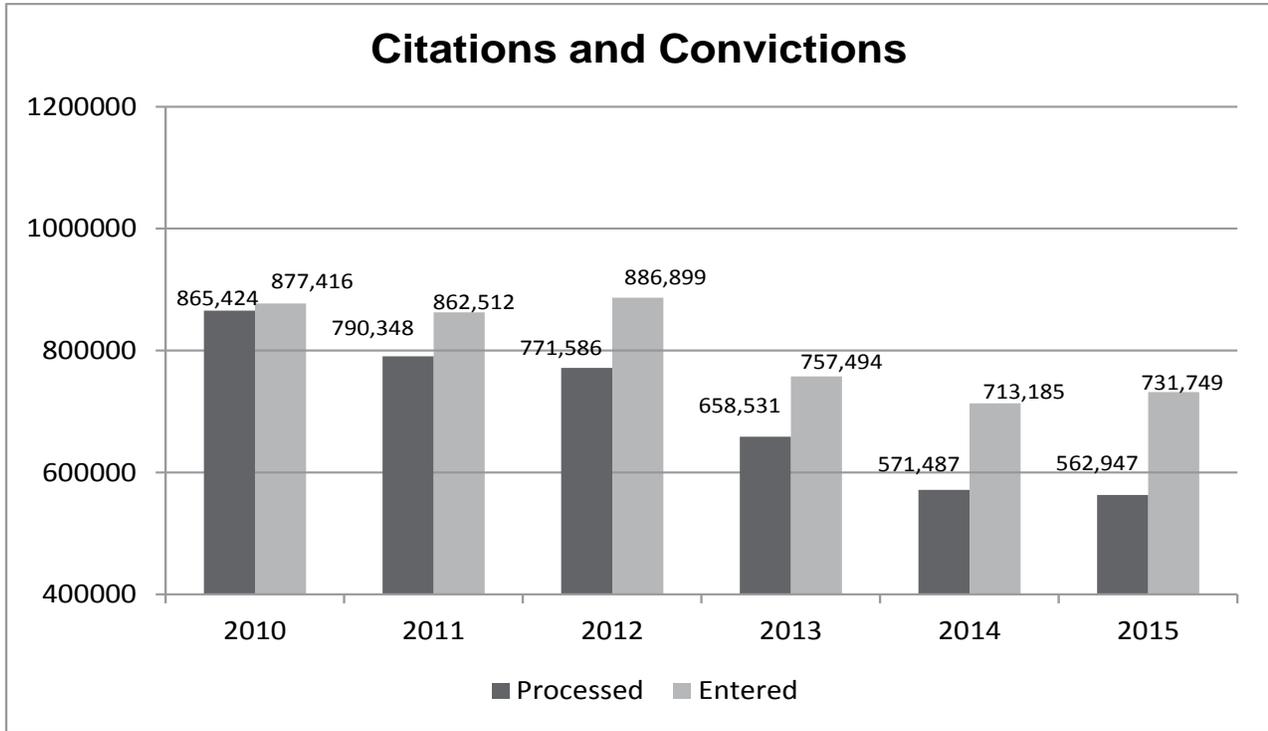
Yes, when Wisconsin drivers are convicted in other states DMV enters the convictions on the Wisconsin driver record but without points being assessed. With a serious offense, such as operating while intoxicated, drivers may lose their operating privilege.

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 2015**

Rank	Code	Charge	Quantity YTD	% of Total
1	SI	Speeding Intermediate (11-19 over limit)	92,444	12.63%
2	OVS	Operating While Suspended	72,133	9.86%
3	CNI	Compulsory Insurance - No Insurance	60,224	8.23%
4	FFS	Failure to Fasten Seat Belt	54,737	7.48%
5	CNP	Compulsory Insurance - No Proof	51,184	6.99%
6	S	Speeding (1-10 over speed limit)	46,809	6.40%
7	UV	Unregistered Vehicle	35,423	4.84%
8	OWL	Operating w/o Driver License	28,688	3.92%
9	OWI	Operat. under influence intoxicant/controlled substance	25,935	3.54%
10	FOS	Failure to Obey Traffic Sign or Signal	25,844	3.53%
11	SE	Speeding Excess (20 or more over limit)	24,781	3.39%
12	ORS	Operating while Registration Suspended (209)	19,386	2.65%
13	BAC	Blood Alcohol Concentration (prohibited)	18,780	2.57%
14	OAR	Operating After Revocation	14,435	1.97%
15	DS	Defective Speedometer	14,132	1.93%
16	LNP	License not on person	12,342	1.69%
17	FYR	Failure to Yield Right of Way	10,339	1.41%
18	UAL	Underage Alcohol (207)	9,756	1.33%
19	ID	Inattentive Driving	9,525	1.30%
20	SVL	Signal Violation	7,649	1.05%
21	IP	Improper Plates	6,811	0.93%
22	OT	Obstructing Traffic	6,752	0.92%
23	FTC	Following too Closely	6,485	0.89%
24	IL	No or improper lights	4,904	0.67%
25	FVC	Failure to Keep Vehicle Under Control	4,714	0.64%
26	IS	Imprudent Speed	4,100	0.56%
27	DLT	Deviating from Lane of Traffic	3,909	0.53%
28	PAC	Prohibited Alcohol Concentration (212)	3,822	0.52%
29	VOR	Violation of Restriction	3,479	0.48%
30	CSR	Child Safety Restraint	3,025	0.41%
31	IC	Implied Consent	2,867	0.39%
32	IVO	Intoxicant in Vehicle - Operator	2,801	0.38%
33	IT	Illegal Turn	2,787	0.38%
34	FRA	Failure to Report Accident	2,475	0.34%
35	FPS	Failure to Pay Support (205)	2,458	0.34%
36	TFC	Too Fast for Conditions	2,363	0.32%
37	PI	Passing Illegally	2,316	0.32%
38	RPS	Restrictions on Parking and Stopping	2,298	0.31%
39	DWS	Driving on Wrong Side of Highway	1,985	0.27%
40	OV	Obstructed View or Control	1,929	0.26%
41	DOF	Deface or Obstruct Official Sign	1,870	0.26%
42	RD	Reckless Driving	1,654	0.23%
43	IM	Improper Muffler	1,516	0.21%
44	DSP	Duty Upon Striking property	1,483	0.20%
45	BI	Backing Illegally	1,427	0.20%
46	T	Truancy	1,309	0.18%
47	JA	Juvenile Alcohol*	1,305	0.18%
48	FSU	Failure to Stop After Accident unattended vehicle	1,304	0.18%
49	AEO	Attempt to Elude Officer	819	0.11%
50	FSB	Failure to Stop for School Bus	808	0.11%

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51	POH	Parking on Highway	778	0.11%
52	PUP	Permitting Unauthorized Person to Operate	761	0.10%
53	IVP	Intoxicant in Vehicle - Passenger	671	0.09%
54	DOW	Driving over Walk	634	0.09%
55	FNC	Failure to Notify of Address or Name Change	614	0.08%
56	FSA	Failure to Stop After Accident	610	0.08%
57	IE	Improper Equipment	592	0.08%
58	D	Drug Conviction	581	0.08%
59	VUF	Vehicle Used in Commission of Felony	549	0.08%
60	TWD	Texting While Driving	472	0.06%
61	UAO	Underage Alcohol Operation**	392	0.05%
62	IDT	Ignition/Immobilization Device Tampering	362	0.05%
63	IIV	Intoxicant in Vehicle - Underage Person	343	0.05%
64	FTT	Failure to Transfer Title	301	0.04%
65	FGS	Failure to Give Signal	269	0.04%
66	CSI	Commercial Speeding Intermediate (15-19 over)	249	0.03%
67	SLL	Special Limitations on Load	219	0.03%
68	CDL	Commercial Deviating from Lane of Traffic	213	0.03%
69	DAT	Driving Against Traffic	199	0.03%
70	IB	Improper Brakes	197	0.03%
71	OII	Operating while Intoxicated Causing Injury	181	0.02%
72	FDL	Failure to Dim Lights	179	0.02%
73	R	Racing	172	0.02%
74	CFC	Commercial Following too Closely	168	0.02%
75	CUL	Commercial Unlawful License	158	0.02%
76	UID	Underage ID (208)	147	0.02%
77	UA	Unnecessary Acceleration	129	0.02%
78	JCS	Juvenile Controlled Substances (under 17)	127	0.02%
79	UN	Unnecessary noise	126	0.02%
80	TPV	Transporting Person or Vehicle Illegally	75	0.01%
81	CFA	Commercial Failure to Appear (out-of-state only)	74	0.01%
82	CFP	Commercial Failure to Pay (out-of-state only)	67	0.01%
83	LH	Littering highway	63	0.01%
84	CTF	Commercial Too Fast for Conditions	49	0.01%
85	NH	Negligent Homicide	48	0.01%
86	DDH	Driving on Divided Highway	47	0.01%
87	GBH	Great Bodily Harm	47	0.01%
88	CPI	Commercial Passing Illegally	46	0.01%
89	CIS	Commercial Imprudent Speed	44	0.01%
90	FYL	Flashing Yellow Violation	41	0.01%
91	NHI	Negligent Homicide Intoxicated	39	0.01%
92	CDS	Comm. Duty upon Striking Property	38	0.01%
93	CSE	Commercial Speeding Excess (20 or more over)	28	0.00%
94	MDO	Miscellaneous Driving Offenses (204)	26	0.00%
95	CWI	Commercial Operating while Intoxicated	24	0.00%
96	CAC	Commercial Admin. Suspension	19	0.00%
97	MSC	Miscellaneous	18	0.00%
98	FAR	Falsified Accident Report	17	0.00%
99	TCC	Transporting Children in Cargo Area of Motor Vehicle	17	0.00%
100	UTD	Use Telephone While Driving with Probationary/Instructional Permit	17	0.00%

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101	CFR	Commercial Failure to Report Accident	16	0.00%
102	CD	Careless Driving (out-of-state only)	13	0.00%
103	OSO	Operating while Out of Service	13	0.00%
104	OWD	Operating while Disqualified	12	0.00%
105	RVL	Roadway Violation	12	0.00%
106	CFH	Crossing Fire Hose	11	0.00%
107	CRD	Commercial Reckless Driving	10	0.00%
108	CCD	Commercial Careless Driving (out-of-state only)	7	0.00%
109	CFU	Comm. Failure to Stop after Accident (unattended Veh)	7	0.00%
110	CPB	Commercial Possession of Intoxicant Beverage	7	0.00%
111	ICU	Implied Consent Underage	7	0.00%
112	CFI	Compulsory Insurance - Fraudulent, False or Invalid Proof of Insurance	6	0.00%
113	CNC	Commercial Failure to Comply (out-of-state only)	6	0.00%
114	FEM	Following Emergency Vehicle	6	0.00%
115	PLS	Projecting Loads on Side of Vehicle	6	0.00%
116	COO	Commercial 0.0 -Not-a-Drop	5	0.00%
117	IUL	Illegal use of Operator’s License	5	0.00%
118	FA	Falsified Application	4	0.00%
119	JID	Juvenile ID	4	0.00%
120	OML	Operating with Multiple Licenses	4	0.00%
121	RRF	Railroad Failure to Stop	4	0.00%
122	UTR	Unlawful Transfer of Evidence of Registration	4	0.00%
123	CIC	Commercial Implied Consent	2	0.00%
124	HDS	Haz. Commercial Duty Upon Striking Property	2	0.00%
125	IR	Illegal Riding	2	0.00%
126	RRG	Railroad Grade Violation	2	0.00%
127	RRS	Railroad Sign Violation	2	0.00%
128	ADL	Altering Driver License	1	0.00%
129	CBH	Commercial OWI Causing Great Bodily Harm	1	0.00%
130	CFS	Commercial Failure to Stop After Accident	1	0.00%
131	FAV	Fraudulent Application	1	0.00%
132	FD	Found Delinquent	1	0.00%
133	HFR	Haz. Commercial Failure to Report Accident	1	0.00%
134	IUC	Insufficient Undercarriage Clearance	1	0.00%
135	OCS	Operating while Intoxicated-Controlled Substance	1	0.00%
136	OSB	Operating w/o School Bus License/Endorsement	1	0.00%
137	P	Perjury	1	0.00%
138	RRP	Reproducing Evidence of Registration Prohibited	1	0.00%
139	SOL	Surrender of License upon Cancellation Revocation or Suspension	1	0.00%
Total			731,749	

* 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 only includes convictions entered on the driving record.