

**What is a title?**

A Certificate of Title is evidence of vehicle ownership.

**When is a title issued?**

The DMV issues a title when it has confirmed who owns the vehicle.

**What documents are required?**

An application for title requires the following documents:

- Application for Title/Registration, Form MV1, if private (non-dealer) sale of any vehicle or MV11 (dealers only); MV14 (Private Low Speed Vehicle - NEV); MV15 (Dealer Low Speed Vehicle - NEV); MV12 (Banks, etc.)
- Odometer Mileage Statement (on the title or Form MV2488) signed and dated by the former owner, if not included on the reassignment or MVII (dealer application)
- Proof of ownership (Manufacturer's Statement of Origin for a new vehicle or the current Certificate of Title/Ownership from Wisconsin or another jurisdiction, properly signed by the sellers)

Some transactions require additional documents.

**Where do I apply for a title?**

Automobiles, light trucks registered at 8,000 lbs or less, farm trucks registered at 12,000 lbs, motorcycles, mopeds and recreational vehicle trailers (campers and mobile homes under 40 feet) previously titled in Wisconsin and being sold to an *individual* in Wisconsin can begin the transfer of ownership online using the eMV Public application.

A title can be applied for in several ways:

- The Application can be mailed to:
  - Wisconsin Dept of Transportation
  - P.O. Box 7949
  - Madison, WI 53707-7949
- For an additional \$5 counter service fee, taken to one of the DMV Customer Service Centers around the state which offer Title and Registration service.
- For an additional service fee of \$19.50, taken to one of many authorized agencies and businesses that have been approved by DMV to provide electronic title and registration services.

A list of these DMV Partners and the services they provide can be found at <http://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/dmv/vehicles/title-plates/walkin.aspx>.

- For an additional service fee of \$5.00, plus a \$3.00 temporary plate fee, taken to a business or agency authorized to accept title and license plate applications and provide a temporary plates for cars or light trucks registered at 8,000 lbs or less.

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- There are no Walk-in or Third Party processing applications accepted at the DMV Customer Service Centers for Application Form MV-14 and MV-15 (for LSV). Those applications are processed by mail only and can be sent to:

Wisconsin Dept of Transportation  
P.O. Box 7949  
Madison, WI 53707-7949

**What appears on a title?**

The “facts” which may appear on a title include:

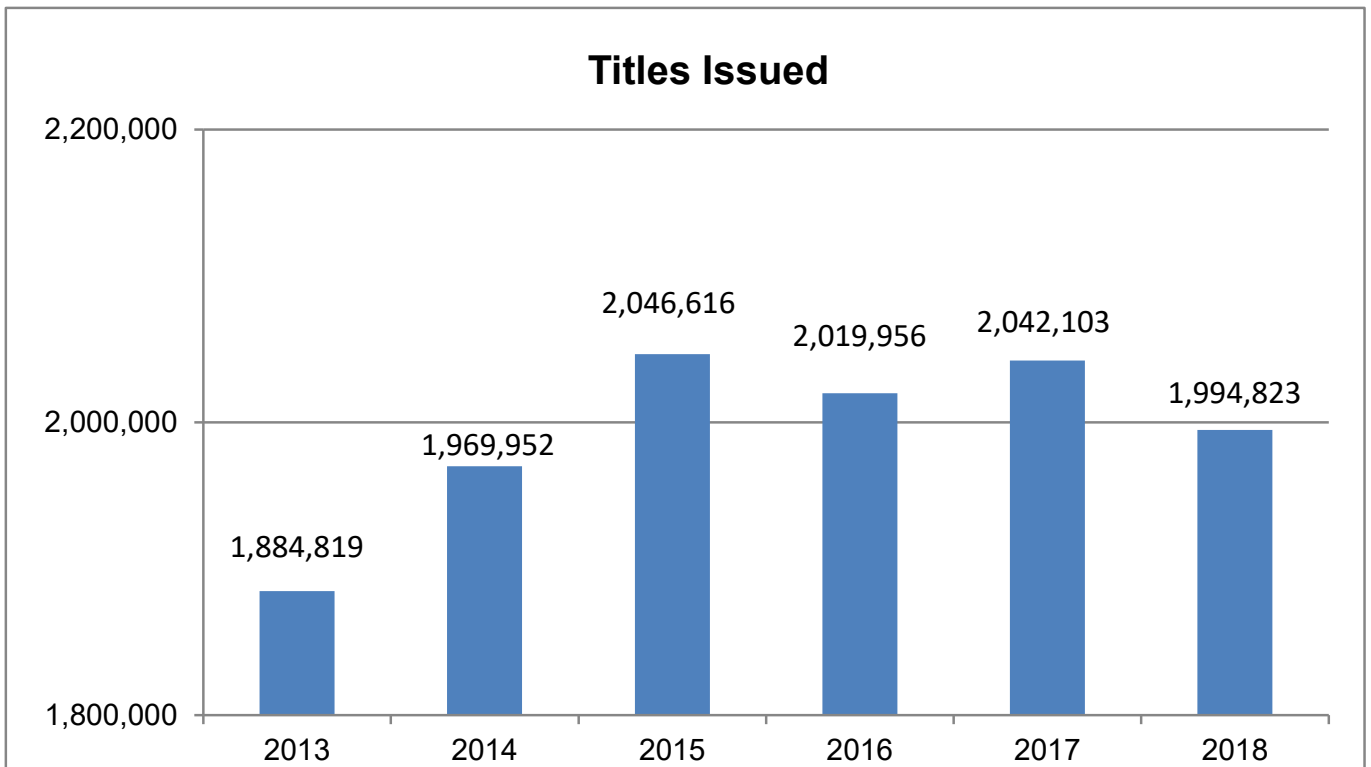
- the name and address of the owner(s)
- a description of the vehicle, including make, identification number and any other information reasonable for the identification of the vehicle
- the name of secured party (lien holder) if applicable
- odometer reading information (for vehicles 8,000 lbs or less and less than 10 model years old)
- Notations, such as, Replacement Title, etc.
- if a replacement title, Replacement Title notation is listed
- title branding— if applicable
- previously titled in another state— if applicable

**What does a title cost?**

The fee for filing an application for the first, or *original* title, or a title transfer, is \$69.50; \$62 for LSVs.. State and County sales taxes may also apply, as well as registration fees for vehicle operation on Wisconsin roadways. Notation of a security interest (lien holder) costs \$10. Replacement titles— lost, stolen or mutilated— cost \$20.

**For more information contact:**

DMV Communications Center  
(608) 264-7447



Source: BVS Title Statistics by Month (From T&R Report)