

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?

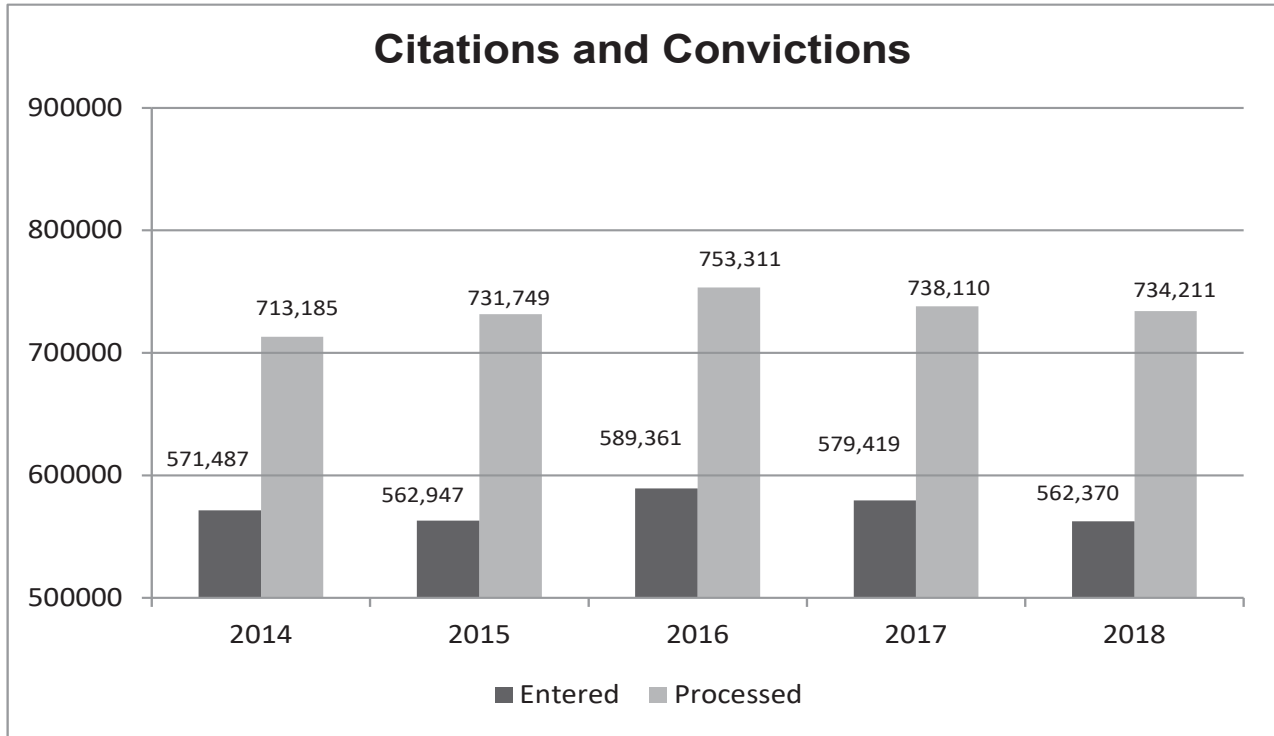
Yes, when Wisconsin drivers are convicted in other states DMV enters the convictions on the Wisconsin driver record but without points being assessed. With a serious offense, such as operating while intoxicated, drivers may lose their operating privilege.

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 2018**

Rank	Code	Charge	Quantity YTD	% of Total
1	SI	Speeding Intermediate (11-19 over limit)	86,229	11.74%
2	OVS	Operating While Suspended	79,453	10.82%
3	CNI	Compulsory Insurance - No Insurance	65,108	8.87%
4	FFS	Failure to Fasten Seat Belt	50,875	6.93%
5	CNP	Compulsory Insurance - No Proof	47,334	6.45%
6	S	Speeding (1-10 over speed limit)	40,664	5.54%
7	UV	Unregistered Vehicle	39,783	5.42%
8	SE	Speeding Excess (20 or more over limit)	29,514	4.02%
9	OWL	Operating w/o Driver License	28,959	3.94%
10	FOS	Failure to Obey Traffic Sign or Signal	25,071	3.41%
11	OWI	Operat. under influence intoxicant/controlled substance	24,624	3.35%
12	ORS	Operating while Registration Suspended (209)	18,322	2.50%
13	BAC	Blood Alcohol Concentration (prohibited)	18,105	2.47%
14	OAR	Operating After Revocation	14,718	2.00%
15	DS	Defective Speedometer	14,132	1.92%
16	LNP	License not on person	11,772	1.60%
17	FYR	Failure to Yield Right of Way	10,078	1.37%
18	ID	Inattentive Driving	8,498	1.16%
19	SVL	Signal Violation	8,397	1.14%
20	UAL	Underage Alcohol (207)	7,569	1.03%
21	IP	Improper Plates	7,358	1.00%
22	FTC	Following too Closely	6,790	0.92%
23	RPS	Restrictions on Parking and Stopping	6,450	0.88%
24	OT	Obstructing Traffic	6,241	0.85%
25	IL	No or improper lights	5,661	0.77%
26	FVC	Failure to Keep Vehicle Under Control	5,138	0.70%
27	IS	Imprudent Speed	5,007	0.68%
28	DLT	Deviating from Lane of Traffic	4,220	0.57%
29	VOR	Violation of Restriction	3,376	0.46%
30	PAC	Prohibited Alcohol Concentration (212)	3,352	0.46%
31	IC	Implied Consent	3,076	0.42%
32	CSR	Child Safety Restraint	2,912	0.40%
33	IT	Illegal Turn	2,874	0.39%
34	PI	Passing Illegally	2,806	0.38%
35	IVO	Intoxicant in Vehicle - Operator	2,783	0.38%
36	FPS	Failure to Pay Support (205)	2,522	0.34%
37	FRA	Failure to Report Accident	2,471	0.34%
38	TFC	Too Fast for Conditions	2,465	0.34%
39	OV	Obstructed View or Control	2,359	0.32%
40	DWS	Driving on Wrong Side of Highway	1,920	0.26%
41	RD	Reckless Driving	1,801	0.25%
42	T	Truancy	1,682	0.23%
43	DOF	Deface or Obstruct Official Sign	1,559	0.21%
44	DSP	Duty Upon Striking property	1,492	0.20%
45	BI	Backing Illegally	1,399	0.19%
46	AEO	Attempt to Elude Officer	1,347	0.18%
47	FSU	Failure to Stop After Accident unattended vehicle	1,325	0.18%
48	IM	Improper Muffler	1,260	0.17%
49	JA	Juvenile Alcohol*	1,118	0.15%
50	FSB	Failure to Stop for School Bus	1,016	0.14%

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Rank	Code	Charge	Quantity YTD	% of Total
51	FSA	Failure to Stop After Accident	704	0.10%
52	POH	Parking on Highway	689	0.09%
53	FNC	Failure to Notify of Address or Name Change	657	0.09%
54	D	Drug Conviction	634	0.09%
55	PUP	Permitting Unauthorized Person to Operate	622	0.08%
56	IVP	Intoxicant in Vehicle - Passenger	552	0.08%
57	VUF	Vehicle Used in Commission of Felony	545	0.07%
58	IE	Improper Equipment	524	0.07%
59	DOW	Driving over Walk	515	0.07%
60	TWD	Texting While Driving	358	0.05%
61	FTT	Failure to Transfer Title	325	0.04%
62	UAO	Underage Alcohol Operation**	320	0.04%
63	IDT	Ignition/Immobilization Device Tampering	307	0.04%
64	FGS	Failure to Give Signal	265	0.04%
65	CDL	Commercial Deviating from Lane of Traffic	264	0.04%
66	CSI	Commercial Speeding Intermediate (15-19 over)	254	0.03%
67	IIV	Intoxicant in Vehicle - Underage Person	245	0.03%
68	OII	Operating while Intoxicated Causing Injury	237	0.03%
69	UID	Underage ID (208)	233	0.03%
70	IB	Improper Brakes	228	0.03%
71	SLL	Special Limitations on Load	217	0.03%
72	FDL	Failure to Dim Lights	195	0.03%
73	CUL	Commercial Unlawful License	183	0.02%
74	CFC	Commercial Following too Closely	163	0.02%
75	DAT	Driving Against Traffic	158	0.02%
76	JCS	Juvenile Controlled Substances (under 17)	155	0.02%
77	UA	Unnecessary Acceleration	135	0.02%
78	R	Racing	128	0.02%
79	CTU	Commercial Telephone Use While Driving	119	0.02%
80	IPW	Improper Use Phone While Driving in Work Zone	111	0.02%
81	CFA	Commercial Failure to Appear (out-of-state only)	103	0.01%
82	DDH	Driving on Divided Highway	81	0.01%
83	LH	Littering highway	64	0.01%
84	CFP	Commercial Failure to Pay (out-of-state only)	62	0.01%
85	MDO	Miscellaneous Driving Offenses (204)	58	0.01%
86	CIS	Commercial Imprudent Speed	57	0.01%
87	GBH	Great Bodily Harm	54	0.01%
88	TPV	Transporting Person or Vehicle Illegally	53	0.01%
89	FYL	Flashing Yellow Violation	50	0.01%
90	UN	Unnecessary noise	50	0.01%
91	CPI	Commercial Passing Illegally	49	0.01%
92	CWI	Commercial Operating while Intoxicated	42	0.01%
93	NH	Negligent Homicide	39	0.01%
94	NHI	Negligent Homicide Intoxicated	39	0.01%
95	CSE	Commercial Speeding Excess (20 or more over)	34	0.00%
96	CDS	Comm. Duty upon Striking Property	33	0.00%
97	CTF	Commercial Too Fast for Conditions	32	0.00%
98	FA	Falsified Application	32	0.00%
99	UTD	Use Telephone While Driving with Probationary/Instructional Permit	20	0.00%
100	CD	Careless Driving (out-of-state only)	19	0.00%

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101	CFR	Commercial Failure to Report Accident	19	0.00%
102	FAR	Falsified Accident Report	16	0.00%
103	CCD	Commercial Careless Driving (out-of-state only)	15	0.00%
104	PLS	Projecting Loads on Side of Vehicle	14	0.00%
105	TCC	Transporting Children in Cargo Area of Motor Vehicle	14	0.00%
106	MSC	Miscellaneous	13	0.00%
107	OSO	Operating while Out of Service	13	0.00%
108	CAC	Commercial Admin. Suspension	11	0.00%
109	CRD	Commercial Reckless Driving	11	0.00%
110	CFU	Comm. Failure to Stop after Accident (unattended Veh)	9	0.00%
111	CNC	Commercial Failure to Comply (out-of-state only)	7	0.00%
112	COO	Commercial 0.0 -Not-a-Drop	7	0.00%
113	CFI	Compulsory Insurance - Fraudulent, False or Invalid Proof of Insurance	6	0.00%
114	OCS	Operating while Intoxicated-Controlled Substance	6	0.00%
115	OWD	Operating while Disqualified	5	0.00%
116	RVL	Roadway Violation	5	0.00%
117	CFH	Crossing Fire Hose	4	0.00%
118	CPB	Commercial Possession of Intoxicant Beverage	4	0.00%
119	FD	Found Delinquent	4	0.00%
120	FEM	Following Emergency Vehicle	4	0.00%
121	HFR	Haz. Commercial Failure to Report Accident	4	0.00%
122	HDS	Haz. Commercial Duty Upon Striking Property	3	0.00%
123	ADL	Altering Driver License	2	0.00%
124	CIC	Commercial Implied Consent	2	0.00%
125	IUL	Illegal use of Operator’s License	2	0.00%
126	RRP	Reproducing Evidence of Registration Prohibited	2	0.00%
127	SLR	Fail/Return License or Registration	2	0.00%
128	CA	Commercial Alcohol	1	0.00%
129	CAI	Commercial Alcohol Causing Injury	1	0.00%
130	HCA	Haz. Commercial Alcohol	1	0.00%
131	IR	Illegal Riding	1	0.00%
132	IUC	Insufficient Undercarriage Clearance	1	0.00%
133	JID	Juvenile ID	1	0.00%
134	OML	Operating with Multiple Licenses	1	0.00%
135	RRF	Railroad Failure to Stop	1	0.00%
136	RRG	Railroad Grade Violation	1	0.00%

Total **734,211**

* 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.