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Uniform Traffic Citation Statistics
Violations and Dispositions
City - County – State

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
2003 UNIFORM TRAFFIC CITATION REPORT
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The 2003 Uniform Traffic Citation (UTC) statistics are obtained from the citation and disposition information received from the county courts and law enforcement agencies. Each summary statistics sheet has two categories, “Original Violation” and “Disposition of Violations, Including Those Reduced or Changed”. The “Original Violation” category includes the total number citations written and reported to the department in calendar year 2003. The “Disposition of Violations” only reflects the disposition of those cases reported to the department. The dispositions still pending in the court system are listed in the last, farthest right column of the report.

Six statistical comparison reports are included. The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) compiled these summary reports using data residing in the Traffic Citation Inventory Database and the Driver License Record Database. These comparison summary reports are:

- **Annual Violation Comparison By County** (Page 1) - The total number of citations written by each county, taken from data in the DHSMV Traffic Inventory Database.
- **Agency Violation Summary By County** (Page 2) - The total number of citations written by each group of Law Enforcement Agencies by county, taken from data in the DHSMV Traffic Inventory Database.
- **Statewide 5-Year Violation Comparison** (Page 3) - The total of the most frequently written violations compared to the totals from the prior four years, taken from data in the DHSMV Traffic Inventory Database.
- **Seat Belt and Child Restraint Violations Annual Comparison By County** (Page 4) - The total number of citations written for seat belt violation to the driver/passenger and child restraint violations, taken from data in the DHSMV Traffic Inventory Database.
- **Driving While Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drugs (DUI) Annual Comparison Of Convictions by County** (Page 5) – This report is a two year comparison by county of the total number of DUI’s written and the percentage of increase or decrease. This is taken from data in the DHSMV Traffic Inventory Database.

FINDINGS

- **The total number of citations written in the state dropped from 4,368,083 in 2002 to 4,361,619 in 2003, a decrease of 0.2%.**
- **The total number of dispositions in the state dropped from 3,705,158 in 2002 to 3,590,285 in 2003, a decrease of 3%.**
- **The total number of pending dispositions in the state rose from 662,925 in 2002 to 771,334 in 2003, an increase of 16%.**
- **Violations for DUI in the state dropped from 69,551 in 2002 to 65,113 in 2003, a decrease of 6%.**
- **DUI convictions in the state dropped from 48,305 in 2002 to 42,167 in 2003, a decrease of 13%.**
- **Driver restraint violations (total) in the state rose from 361,350 in 2002 to 380,026 in 2003, an increase of 5%.**
- **For unbelted passengers under the age of 18 violations in the state rose from 14,361 in 2002 to 15,203 in 2003, an increase of 6%.**
- **For unbelted passengers over the age of 18 violations in the state dropped from 31,191 in 2002 to 28,209 in 2003, a decrease of 11%.**
- **Child restraint violations in the state dropped from 19,556 in 2002 to 18,871 in 2003, a decrease of 4%.**

The entire 2003 Uniform Traffic Citation Report is available for viewing and downloading on the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles website, <http://www.hsmv.state.fl.us/reports/UTCStats.html>.

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