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2004 Annual

Uniform Traffic Citation Statistics

Violations and Dispositions
City—County—State



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
2004 UNIFORM TRAFFIC CITATION REPORT
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The 2004 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 2004. 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.
- **Violations and Dispositions made during 01/2004 – 12/2004** – Totals from the DHSMV Traffic Citation Inventory Database and the Driver License Record Database, as of the report run date, individual agency totals are grouped by county and viewed on the department website, <http://www.hsmv.state.fl.us/reports/UTCStats.html>.

FINDINGS

- **The total number of citations written in the state rose from 4,361,619 in 2003 to 4,418,401 in 2004, an increase of 1%.**
- **The total number of dispositions in the state rose from 3,590,285 in 2003 to 3,854,453 in 2004, an increase of 7%.**
- **The total number of pending dispositions in the state dropped from 771,334 in 2003 to 563,948 in 2004, a decrease of 27%.**
- **Violations for DUI in the state rose from 65,113 in 2003 to 68,625 in 2004, an increase of 5%.**
- **DUI convictions in the state rose from 42,167 in 2003 to 45,926 in 2004, an increase of 9%.**
- **For unbelted drivers violations in the state dropped from 317,743 in 2003 to 263,399 in 2004, a decrease of 17%.**
- **For unbelted passengers under the age of 18 violations in the state dropped from 15,203 in 2003 to 13,085 in 2004, a decrease of 14%.**
- **For unbelted passengers over the age of 18 violations in the state dropped from 28,209 in 2003 to 23,687 in 2004, a decrease of 16%.**
- **Child restraint violations in the state dropped from 18,871 in 2003 to 17,181 in 2004, a decrease of 9%.**
- **Driver restraint violations (total) in the state dropped from 380,026 in 2003 to 317,352 in 2004, a decrease of 16%.**

The entire 2004 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>.

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