

State of Florida  
**Department of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles**

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## **2005 Annual**

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### **Uniform Traffic Citation Statistics**

Violations and Dispositions  
City—County—State



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# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

## **2005 UNIFORM TRAFFIC CITATION REPORT**

### **March 9, 2006**

The 2005 Uniform Traffic Citation (UTC) Report is obtained from the citation and disposition information received from the county courts. This report is a snapshot of the UTC database on the date the report was run. The run was performed three months earlier than the previous year in order to provide meaningful data earlier in the calendar year. Please refer to the notes on the following statistical comparison report pages for further explanation.

Each county 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 2005. The "Disposition of Violations" only reflects the disposition of the original violations reported to the department. The dispositions still pending in the court system are listed in the last, farthest right column of the report.

Five statistical comparison reports are included with the UTC statistics. The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) compiled these summary reports using data residing in the Traffic Citation Inventory Database. These comparison summary reports are as follows:

- **Annual Violation Comparison By County** (Page 1) - The total number of citations written by county.
- **Agency Violation Summary By County** (Page 2) - The total number of citations written by each group of Law Enforcement Agencies by county.
- **Statewide 5-Year Violation Comparison** (Page 3) - The total number of violations written by category with a comparison to the totals from the prior four years.
- **Seat Belt and Child Restraint Violations Annual Comparison By County** (Page 4) - The total number of citations for seat belt violations written to the driver or passenger. This report also includes the number of citations written for child restraint violations by county.
- **Driving While Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drug (DUI) Annual Comparison Of Convictions by County** (Page 5) – This report is a two year comparison by county of the total number of DUI convictions, and the percentage of increase or decrease.

## FINDINGS

The entire 2005 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>.

This report is based on the "Florida Uniform Traffic Citation Statistics." It was run on 3/9/06, which is nearly 3 months earlier than the 2004 UTC Annual Report.

### Summary of State Total Original Violations and Disposition of Violations

Based on DHSMV Traffic Citation Inventory Database

- The total number of *citations* written in the state **rose** from 4,418,401 in 2004 to 4,766,325 in 2005, in **increase** of 8%.
- The total number of *dispositions* in the state **rose** from 3,854,453 in 2004 to 3,892,520 in 2005, an **increase** of 1%.
- The total number of *pending dispositions* in the state **rose** from 563,948 in 2004 to 873,805 in 2005, an **increase** of 55%.

*Note: In 2005 there were 347,924 more citations written, and 309,857 more dispositions pending over the previous year.*

### Summary of State Total DUI Violations and DUI Convictions

Based on DHSMV Traffic Citation Inventory Database

- *Violations* for DUI in the state **dropped** from 68,625 in 2004 to 67,450 in 2005, a **decrease** of 2%.
- *DUI convictions* in the state **dropped** from 45,926 in 2004 to 37,734 in 2005, a **decrease** of 18%. (See note on page 5, "Annual Comparison of DUI Convictions by County")
- The total number of pending DUI dispositions **rose** from 13,738 in 2004 to 21,910 in 2005, an **increase** of 59%.

*Note: In 2005 there were 8,192 fewer dispositions and 8,172 more pending dispositions over the previous year.*

### Summary of State Total Seat Belt and Child Restraint Convictions

Based on Aggregate Monthly Seat Belt and Child Restraint Report

- For unbelted *drivers*, convictions in the state **dropped** from 263,399 in 2004 to 248,725 in 2005, a **decrease** of 5.6%.
- For unbelted *passengers under the age of 18*, convictions in the state **rose** from 13,085 in 2004 to 13,540 in 2005, an **increase** of 3.5%.
- For unbelted *passengers over the age of 18*, convictions in the state **dropped** from 23,687 in 2004 to 22,938 in 2005, a **decrease** of 3.2%.
- *Child restraint* convictions in the state **dropped** from 17,181 in 2004 to 13,937 in 2005, a **decrease** of 18.9%.
- *Seatbelt and Child restraint* convictions (*total*) in the state **dropped** from 317,352 in 2004 to 299,140 in 2005, a **decrease** of 5.7%

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