

FINDINGS

2010 UNIFORM TRAFFIC CITATION REPORT

Summary of Total Violations and Dispositions

- A. The total number of citations written in the state fell from 4,875,429 in 2009 to 4,384,752 in 2010, a decline of 10.06%.
- B. The total number of dispositions in the state fell from 4,087,869 in 2009 to 3,493,582 in 2010, a decline of 14.54%.
- C. The total number of pending dispositions in the state rose from 787,560 in 2009 to 891,170 in 2010, an increase of 13.16%.

Summary of State Total DUI Violations and DUI Convictions

- D. Violations for DUI in the state fell from 63,019 in 2009 to 58,174 in 2010, a decline of 7.69%.
- E. DUI convictions in the state fell from 36,872 in 2009 to 30,933 in 2010, a decline of 16.11%.
- F. The total number of pending DUI dispositions rose from 16,554 in 2009 to 18,749 in 2010, an increase of 13.26%.

Summary of State Total Seat Belt and Child Restraint Citations*

- G. For unbelted drivers, citations in the state rose from 302,898 in 2009 to 386,529 in 2010, an increase of 27.61%.
- H. For unbelted passengers under the age of 18, citations in the state rose from 20,285 in 2009 to 20,486 in 2010, an increase of <1%.
- I. For unbelted passengers over the age of 18, citations in the state rose from 32,285 in 2009 to 49,270 in 2010, an increase of 52.61%.
- J. Child restraint citations in the state rose from 19,173 in 2009 to 19,198 in 2010, an increase of <1%.
- K. Seatbelt and Child restraint citations (total) in the state rose from 374,641 in 2009 to 475,483 in 2010, an increase of 26.91%

*2010 was the first full calendar year in which seatbelt violations became a primary citation. (Not wearing a seatbelt can be used as the primary reason for the traffic stop.)

Electronic Citations*

- L. 209 of 378 (55.3%) Florida Law Enforcement Agencies are using Electronic Citation writing systems in their vehicles
- M. The number of citations written electronically rose from 2,079,431 in 2009 to 2,115,003 in 2010; an increase of 1.71%
- N. 48.2% of all citations written were produced electronically in 2010.

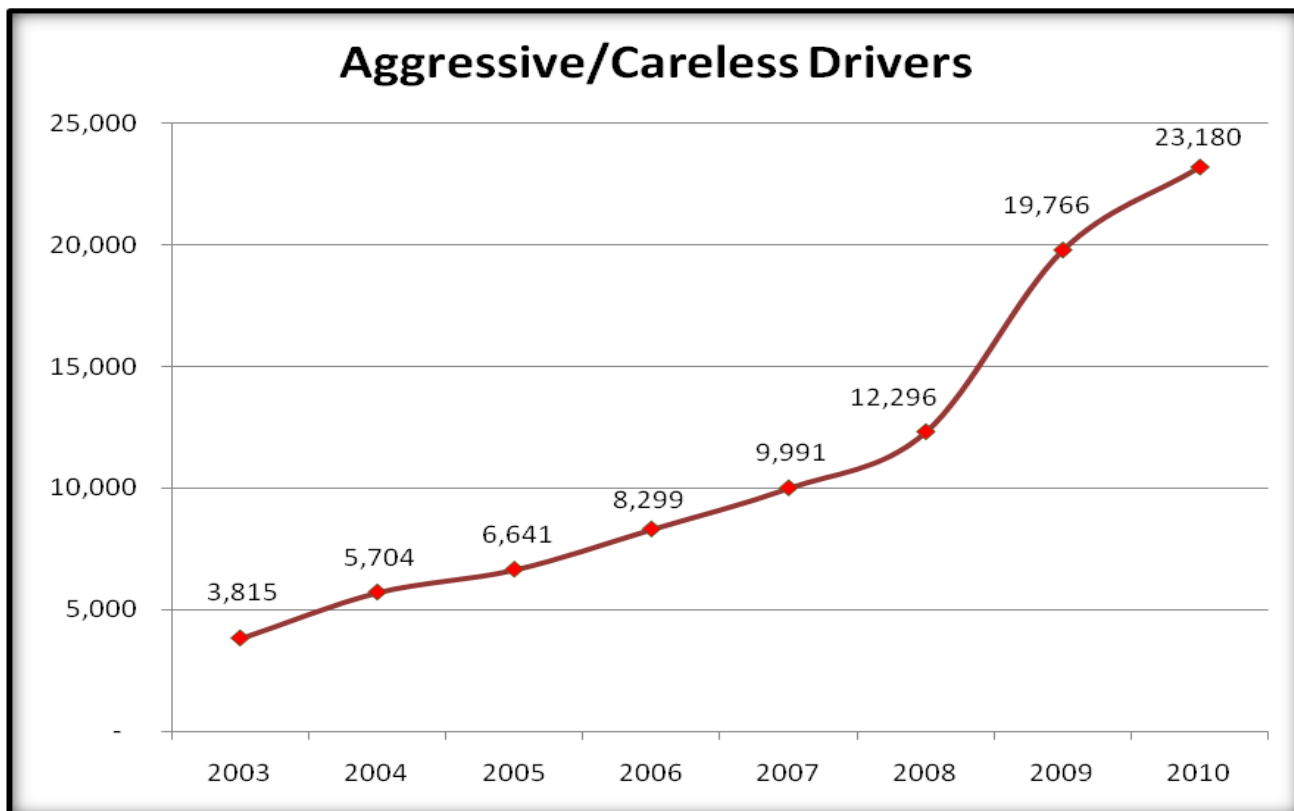
*Electronic Citation data is from Florida Association of Court Clerks and Comptrollers

Aggressive Careless Driving

“Aggressive Careless Driving” is defined under Florida Statutes [316.1923](#) as committing two or more of the following:

- (1) Exceeding the posted speed as defined in s. [322.27](#)(3)(d)5.b.
- (2) Unsafely or improperly changing lanes as defined in s. [316.085](#).
- (3) Following another vehicle too closely as defined in s. [316.0895](#)(1).
- (4) Failing to yield the right-of-way as defined in s. [316.079](#), s. [316.0815](#), or s. [316.123](#).
- (5) Improperly passing as defined in s. [316.083](#), s. [316.084](#), or s. [316.085](#).
- (6) Violating traffic control and signal devices as defined in ss. [316.074](#) and [316.075](#).

The Aggressive Drivers graph below represents the total number of citations written wherein the officer indicated driver behavior by checking the Aggressive Driving box on the Uniform Traffic Citation.



Move Over Citations

The Move Over Law, which passed during the 2002 session, requires all motorists approaching an emergency vehicle with lights flashing to change lanes away from the emergency vehicle if traveling on a multi-lane roadway and if able to do so safely. If the driver is unable to move over or is traveling on a single-lane roadway, the driver is required to slow to a speed that is 20 miles per hour less than the posted speed limit when the posted speed limit is 25 miles per hour or greater; or travel at five miles per hour when the posted speed limit is 20 miles per hour or less.

During the five-year period of 2006 to 2010, motorists in Florida crashed into working law enforcement vehicles that were either stopped or parked along Florida roadways 2,127 times, resulting in six deaths and 616 injuries.

