



Texting While Driving

June 20, 2024



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Honorable Ron DeSantis
Governor of Florida
PL5, The Capitol
400 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Honorable Kathleen Passidomo
Senate President
409 The Capitol
404 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Honorable Paul Renner
Speaker of the House
420 The Capitol
402 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Governor, President and Speaker:

Pursuant to the provisions of [section 316.305](#), Florida Statutes, the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles respectfully submits the enclosed summary report on texting while driving citations occurring from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023.

The information within this report provides the number of citations issued by race and ethnicity as reported to the department by each respective jurisdiction.

Should you need additional assistance or have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (850) 617-3100.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dave Kerner', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Dave Kerner
Executive Director

**FLHSMV TEXTING WHILE DRIVING VIOLATIONS ANNUAL REPORT FOR
CALENDAR YEAR 2023**

DATA COLLECTED PER SECTION 316.305 & 316.306, FLORIDA
STATUTES (F.S.)

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SUMMARY
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 DATA COLLECTED PER SECTION 316.305 & 316.306, FLORIDA STATUTES

	White		Total	Black		Total	Native American			Asian		Total	Unknown		Total	Grand Total
	Non Hispanic	Hispanic		Non Hispanic	Hispanic		Non Hispanic	Hispanic	Total	Non Hispanic	Hispanic		Non Hispanic	Hispanic		
County Sheriffs	870	456	1,326	233	5	238	0	0	0	24	0	24	93	29	122	1,710
Police Departments	1,454	194	1,648	776	0	776	4	0	4	28	1	29	342	835	1,177	3,634
Port Police	2	0	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
State Law Enforcement Agencies	473	236	709	108	6	114	1	0	1	17	0	17	29	1	30	871
Universities, Colleges, and Schools	3	2	5	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Grand Total	2,802	888	3,690	1,121	11	1,132	5	0	5	69	1	70	464	865	1,329	6,226

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		Non Hispanic	Hispanic	Total	Non Hispanic	Hispanic	Total	Non Hispanic	Hispanic	Total	Non Hispanic	Hispanic	Total	Non Hispanic	Hispanic	Total	
County Sheriffs	Bay County S.O.	11	0	11	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
	Brevard County S.O.	9	0	9	2	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	12
	Broward County S.O.	21	16	37	21	0	21	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	60
	Clay County S.O.	18	1	19	4	0	4	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	1	3	27
	Collier County S.O.	23	21	44	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46
	DeSoto County S.O.	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
	Flagler County S.O.	117	20	137	16	0	16	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	155
	Franklin County S.O.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Hendry County S.O.	1	7	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
	Hernando County S.O.	2	2	4	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
	Highlands County S.O.	2	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
	Hillsborough County S.O.	39	22	61	13	0	13	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	76
	Indian River County S.O.	34	2	36	7	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	6	49
	Jacksonville S.O.	69	0	69	43	0	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	11	123
	Lee County S.O.	20	0	20	11	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	0	34	65
	Leon County S.O.	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Madison County S.O.	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
	Manatee County S.O.	15	1	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	9	25

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	Non Hispanic	Hispanic	Total	Non Hispanic	Hispanic	Total	Non Hispanic	Hispanic	Total	Non Hispanic	Hispanic	Total	Non Hispanic	Hispanic	Total	
County Sheriffs																
Marion County S.O.	5	0	5	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Martin County S.O.	6	2	8	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
Monroe County S.O.	62	32	94	8	1	9	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	104
Okeechobee County S.O.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Orange County S.O.	44	1	45	18	0	18	0	0	0	1	0	1	24	9	33	97
Osceola County S.O.	162	268	430	47	4	51	0	0	0	8	0	8	0	0	0	489
Pasco County S.O.	6	2	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	10
Pinellas County S.O.	39	8	47	8	0	8	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	56
Polk County S.O.	9	8	17	7	0	7	0	0	0	1	0	1	8	1	9	34
Putnam County S.O.	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Santa Rosa County S.O.	2	1	3	2	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	6
Sarasota County S.O.	75	15	90	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	2	7	101
Seminole County S.O.	6	9	15	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	17
St. Johns County S.O.	32	9	41	3	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	3	3	0	3	50
St. Lucie County S.O.	2	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Suwannee County S.O.	2	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Taylor County S.O.	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Volusia County S.O.	12	3	15	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	20

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County Sheriffs																	
	Walton County S.O.	19	1	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	22
	Total	870	456	1,326	233	5	238	0	0	0	24	0	24	93	29	122	1,710
Police Departments																	
	Alachua P.D.	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	3
	Altamonte Springs P.D.	2	1	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
	Atlantis P.D.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Auburndale P.D.	17	13	30	7	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	38
	Aventura P.D.	3	2	5	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
	Bartow P.D.	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
	Bay Harbour Islands P.D.	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Belleview P.D.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Boca Raton P.D.	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
	Boynton Beach P.D.	9	0	9	15	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	27
	Bradenton Beach P.D.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Cape Coral P.D.	18	24	42	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	47
	Casselberry P.D.	6	6	12	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
	Clearwater P.D.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Cocoa P.D.	1	0	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
	Coconut Creek P.D.	11	10	21	8	0	8	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	30

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Crestview P.D.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Davenport P.D.	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	6
Davie P.D.	2	4	6	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Daytona Beach P.D.	3	0	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Daytona Beach Shores P.D.	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Delray Beach P.D.	6	2	8	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	13
Edgewater P.D.	8	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Edgewood P.D.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eustis P.D.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fernandina Beach P.D.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ft. Lauderdale P.D.	37	14	51	19	0	19	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	3	5	76
Ft. Pierce P.D.	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Greencove Springs P.D.	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Gulf Breeze P.D.	6	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Gulfport P.D.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Haines City P.D.	2	1	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Holly Hills P.D.	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Hollywood P.D.	12	20	32	10	0	10	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	44

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Holmes Beach P.D.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jupiter Island P.D.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jupiter P.D.	11	3	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
Lake City P.D.	6	2	8	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
Lakeland P.D.	5	0	5	10	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	9	24
Largo P.D.	18	4	22	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	2	2	0	2	27
Leesburg P.D.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lighthouse Point P.D.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Longwood P.D.	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	4
Manalapan P.D.	19	0	19	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	9	31
Marco Island P.D.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
Mascotte P.D.	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Melbourne Beach P.D.	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Miami Shores P.D.	1	2	3	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Miami-Dade P.D.	1,054	0	1,054	623	0	623	3	0	3	11	0	11	295	821	1,116	2,807
Milton P.D.	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
New Port Richey P.D.	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
New Smyrna Beach P.D.	12	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	13

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Niceville P.D.	3	2	5	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
North Miami Beach P.D.	3	3	6	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
North Palm Beach P.D.	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
North Port P.D.	17	0	17	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	1	3	22
Oakland P.D.	8	1	9	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
Ocean Ridge P.D.	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Ocoee P.D.	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Orange City P.D.	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	4
Orlando P.D.	1	2	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Palm Bay P.D.	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Palm Beach Gardens P.D.	24	6	30	7	0	7	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	0	41
Palm Beach P.D.	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Palmetto P.D.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Panama City Beach P.D.	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Pembroke Pines P.D.	2	16	18	6	0	6	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	25
Pensacola P.D.	2	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Perry P.D.	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Ponce Inlet P.D.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Police Departments	White			Black			Native American			Asian			Unknown			Grand Total
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Port Orange P.D.	18	0	18	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	22
Port Richey P.D.	6	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Port St. Lucie P.D.	7	6	13	10	0	10	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	25
Punta Gorda P.D.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rockledge P.D.	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Satellite Beach P.D.	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Sebastian P.D.	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Seminole P.D.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sewall's Point P.D.	10	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	15
South Daytona P.D.	3	0	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Springfeild P.D.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St. Augustine Beach P.D.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St. Augustine P.D.	4	0	4	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
St. Cloud P.D.	14	19	33	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37
St. Petersburg P.D.	2	2	4	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Sunrise P.D.	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3
Surfside P.D.	0	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Tallahassee P.D.	1	0	1	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4

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Police Departments																
Tampa P.D.	3	1	4	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Tarpon Springs P.D.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Temple Terrace P.D.	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Treasure Island P.D.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Valparaiso P.D.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	3
Wauchula P.D.	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	2	7
West Melbourne P.D.	4	0	4	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Wildwood P.D.	2	3	5	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Williston P.D.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Winter Gardens P.D.	9	11	20	2	0	2	0	0	0	3	0	3	4	0	4	29
Winter Haven P.D.	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	1,454	194	1,648	776	0	776	4	0	4	28	1	29	342	835	1,177	3,634
Port Police																
Lee Co. Port Auth. P.D.	2	0	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Melbourne Airport P.D.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Panama City Airport P.D.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sanford Airport P. D.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	2	0	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
State Law Enforcement Agencies																
Florida Fish and Wildlife	1	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3

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State Law Enforcement Agencies	Florida Highway Patrol	471	236	707	107	5	112	1	0	1	17	0	17	29	1	30	867
	Office of Agriculture Law Enforcement	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Total	473	236	709	108	6	114	1	0	1	17	0	17	29	1	30	871
Universities, Colleges, and Schools	Florida Gulf Coast University P.D.	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Florida International University P.D.	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
	Florida State University P.D.	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
	New College of Florida P.D.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Palm Beach Co. School P.D.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	University of Florida P.D.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	University of South Florida P.D.	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
	University of West Florida P.D.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	3	2	5	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	
Grand Total		2,802	888	3,690	1,121	11	1,132	5	0	5	69	1	70	464	865	1,329	6,226