Department of Justice Concealed Carry Annual Report – 175.60(19) January 1 – December 31, 2023



Wis. Stats. § 175.60 (19) states: STATISTICAL REPORT. By March 1 of each year, the department shall submit a statistical report to the legislature under s. 13.172 (2) and to the governor that indicates the number of licenses applied for, issued, denied, suspended, and revoked under this section during the previous calendar year. For the licenses denied, the report shall indicate the reasons for the denials and the part of the application process in which the reasons for denial were discovered. For the licenses suspended or revoked, the report shall indicate the reasons for the suspensions and revocations. The department may not include in the report any information that may be used to identify an applicant or a licensee, including, but not limited to, a name, address, birth date, or social security number.

Total Applications Received	82,458
New Applications Accepted	35,705
Renewal Applications Accepted	44,856
Number of Licenses Approved and Issued	76,406

Note: Wisconsin statute provides that the Department of Justice has 21 days to process a Wisconsin Concealed Carry Weapon application once received. This period of review causes the number of total applications received to not equal the total number of applications approved, denied, and returned during the calendar year.

Number of applications returned during application review process:

1,897

(Mailed applications are returned in their entirety to the applicant, along with any payment and instructions on how to correct the deficiency. Edits are built into the online application submission process that minimizes returned applications.)

1374	Incomplete application (no signatures, missing data, missing yes/no answers)
331	Incorrect or missing payment
146	Insufficient or no training documentation included in the application
25	Determined to not be a legal resident of Wisconsin
17	Missing affirmation of status on out-of-state license used for training requirement
3	Missing military orders for active military stationed in Wisconsin
1	Applicant was not 21 years of age
1897	Total

New applications denied during the background check process:

2,083

1224	Invalid training documentation
158	Unlawful use of a controlled substance (Federal disqualifier)
138	Felony Conviction
108	Name does not match the name in the Department of Transportation files
97	Court order (As a condition of bail or probation)

83	Misdemeanor conviction - domestic abuse related (Federal disqualifier)
73	Did not possess a valid driver's license or identification card
68	Juvenile adjudication of delinquency for a felony offense after April 21, 1994
38	Non-immigrant alien (Federal disqualifier)
37	Fugitive from justice (Federal disqualifier)
17	Involuntary commitment
12	Crime elsewhere that would have been a felony in Wisconsin
11	Misdemeanor conviction with over a 2-year sentence (Federal disqualifier)
11	Invalid Address
6	Domestic abuse injunction
1	Guardianship
1	Harassment Injunction
2083	Total

Renewal applications denied during the background check process:

175

63	Name does not match the name in the Department of Transportation files
50	Did not possess a valid driver's license or identification card
23	Felony conviction
12	Misdemeanor conviction - domestic abuse related (Federal disqualifier)
9	Fugitive from justice (Federal disqualifier)
9	Unlawful use of a controlled substance (Federal disqualifier)
3	Misdemeanor conviction with over a 2-year sentence (Federal disqualifier)
2	Non-immigrant alien (Federal disqualifier)
1	Involuntary commitment
1	Court order (As a condition of bail or probation)
1	Invalid address
1	Domestic abuse injunction
175	Total

Number of licenses revoked:

1,215

324	License holder is no longer a Wisconsin resident
324	Unlawful use of a controlled substance (Federal disqualifier)
241	Felony conviction
142	Domestic abuse injunction
52	Misdemeanor conviction - domestic abuse related (Federal disqualifier)
32	Guardianship imposed by the court
28	Involuntary commitment
26	Harassment injunction
17	Fugitive from justice (Federal disqualifier)
8	Crime elsewhere that would have been a felony in Wisconsin
5	Not guilty by mental defect
4	Court order (As a condition of probation)
4	Juvenile adjudication of delinquency for a felony offense after April 21, 1994
3	Child Abuse Injunction
3	Misdemeanor conviction with over a 2-year sentence (Federal disqualifier)
2	Non-immigrant alien (Federal disqualifier)
1215	Total

Number of licenses suspended:

437

417	Bond condition imposed by a court under 969.01, 969.02(3)(c) or 969.03(1)(c)
20	Probation
437	Total

Number of licenses cancelled:

282

166	Multiple or Duplicate licenses
66	Deceased
20	Surrendered
20	Non-sufficient funds check
10	Other
355	Total

* Wis. Stats. § 20.905 (2) contains: If any license has been granted upon any such check, any such electronic funds transfer, or any such debit or credit card transaction, the license shall be subject to cancellation for the nonpayment of the check, the failure to make the electronic funds transfer, or failure of the bank to honor the demand for payment authorized by debit or credit card.