

EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS

January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2019

This chart reflects stops leading to a citation for an equipment violation. Equipment violations provide a cover for pre-textual stops when the actual intent of the stop is to perform an investigation – including searches without consent or probable cause beyond the equipment violation.

Equipment Violation Citations					
Des Moines Residents Only	White	Black	Other	Total	Odds Ratio
Population	161,534	24,209	28,494	214,237	
Citations	434	204	211	849	
% of Population with a Citation	0.3%	0.8%	0.7%	0.4%	3.2
Booked for Any Reason	104	77	33	214	
% of Citations Arrested	0.5%	1.1%	0.4%	0.6%	
% of Population with an Arrest	0.1%	0.3%	0.1%	0.1%	5.0
Booked for Controlled Substance	48	24	12	84	
% of Citations Arrested	0.2%	0.3%	0.1%	0.2%	
% of Population with an Arrest	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	3.3
Booked for Interference	7	13	1	21	
% of Citations Arrested	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.1%	
% of Population with an Arrest	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	12.4

If you were a Black person living in Des Moines:

You were 3.2 times more likely to be issued a citation for an equipment violation than a White Person.

You were 5.0 times more likely to be arrested.

You were 3.3 times more likely to be arrested for possession of a controlled Substance.

You were 12.4 times more likely to be arrested for interference with official acts.