

EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS

January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2020

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. Notice how much more likely Black drivers are to be arrested for “interference” after being ticketed.

Equipment Violation Citations					
Des Moines Residents	White	Black	Other	Total	Odds Ratio
Population	161,534	24,209	28,494	214,237	
Citations	363	150	181	694	
% of Pop with a Citation	0.2%	0.6%	0.6%	0.3%	2.8
Booked for Any Reason	57	41	21	119	
% of People Arrested	0.7%	1.6%	0.4%	0.8%	
% of Population with an Arrest	0.0%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	4.8
Booked for Controlled Substance	22	12	5	39	
% of People Arrested after Citation	0.3%	0.5%	0.1%	0.3%	
% of Population with an Arrest	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.6
Booked for Interference	2	7	0	9	
% of People Arrested after Citation	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	0.1%	
% of Population with an Arrest	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	23.4

If you were a Black person living in Des Moines:

You were 2.8 times more likely to be issued a citation for an equipment violation than a White Person. Once ticketed...

- **You were 4.8 times more likely to be arrested.**
- **You were 3.6 times more likely to be arrested for possession of a controlled Substance.**
- **You were 23.4 times more likely to be arrested for interference with official acts.**