

# Ohio State Highway Patrol

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### **Dangerous, excessive speeding violations frequently occurring near Ohio's major cities according to Patrol analysis**

COLUMBUS – Between 2005 and 2007, the top five Ohio counties where the most citations of motorists driving over 20 miles per hour in excess of the posted speed limit are near Ohio's major cities according to information released today by the Ohio State Highway Patrol. Speeding 20 or more miles per hour over the posted speed limit is considered by state troopers as a dangerous form of aggressive driving.

Between 2005 and 2007 the top five counties for the most citations of motorists driving over 20 miles per hour in excess of the posted speed limit were: Madison – 7,719 citations; Greene – 7,140 citations; Montgomery – 6,412 citations; Hamilton – 6,380 citations; and Warren – 5,554 citations.

“The top five counties are all counties surrounding major metropolitan areas. The majority of these violations are occurring on interstates where speeds and traffic volumes tend to be the highest entering and exiting our major cities,” Colonel Richard H. Collins, Patrol superintendent said.

Between 2005 and 2007, Ohio State Highway Patrol troopers issued a total of 240,175 citations for driving 20+ mph over the posted speed limit, of which 64 percent were to drivers between the ages of 15 and 35.

More than one-third of the total 20+ mph over the posted speed limit citations during this period were issued on Saturday or Sunday. For all days of the week, 10:00-11:00 a.m. and 4:00-6:00 p.m. stood out as “peak” hours for 20+ mph citations.

A complete statewide overview can be accessed on the Patrol's Web site at [www.statepatrol.ohio.gov](http://www.statepatrol.ohio.gov).

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