

**What is a title?**

A Certificate of Title is evidence of vehicle ownership.

**When is a title issued?**

The DMV issues a title when it has confirmed who owns the vehicle.

**What documents are required?**

An application for title requires the following documents:

- Application for Title/Registration, Form MV1, if private (non-dealer) sale of any vehicle or MV11 (dealers only); MV14 (Private Low Speed Vehicle - NEV); MV15 (Dealer Low Speed Vehicle - NEV); MV12 (Banks, etc.)
- Odometer Mileage Statement (on the title or Form MV2488) signed and dated by the former owner
- Proof of ownership (Manufacturer's Statement of Origin for a new vehicle or the current Certificate of Title/Ownership from Wisconsin or another jurisdiction, properly signed by the sellers)

Some transactions require additional documents.

**Where do I apply for a title?**

A title can be applied for in several ways:

- The Application can be mailed to:  
Wisconsin Dept of Transportation  
P.O. Box 7949  
Madison, WI 53707-7949
- For an additional \$5 counter service fee, taken to one of the DMV Customer Service Centers around the state which offer Title and Registration service.
- For an additional service fee of \$19.50, taken to one of many authorized agencies and businesses that have been approved by DMV to provide electronic title and registration services.

A list of these DMV Partners and the services they provide can be found at <http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/drivers/vehicles/plates/walkin.htm>.

- For an additional service fee of \$5.00, plus a \$3.00 temporary plate fee, taken to a business or agency authorized to accept title and license plate applications and provide a temporary plates for cars or small trucks.

A list of these DMV Partners can be found at <http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/drivers/vehicles/plates/dmvagent.htm>.

- There are no Walk-in or Third Party processing applications accepted at the DMV Service Centers for Application Form MV-14 and MV-15 (for LSV). Those applications are processed by mail only and can be sent to:

Research and Information  
Wisconsin Dept of Transportation  
P.O. Box 8070  
Madison, WI 53708-8070

**What appears on a title?**

The “facts” which may appear on a title include:

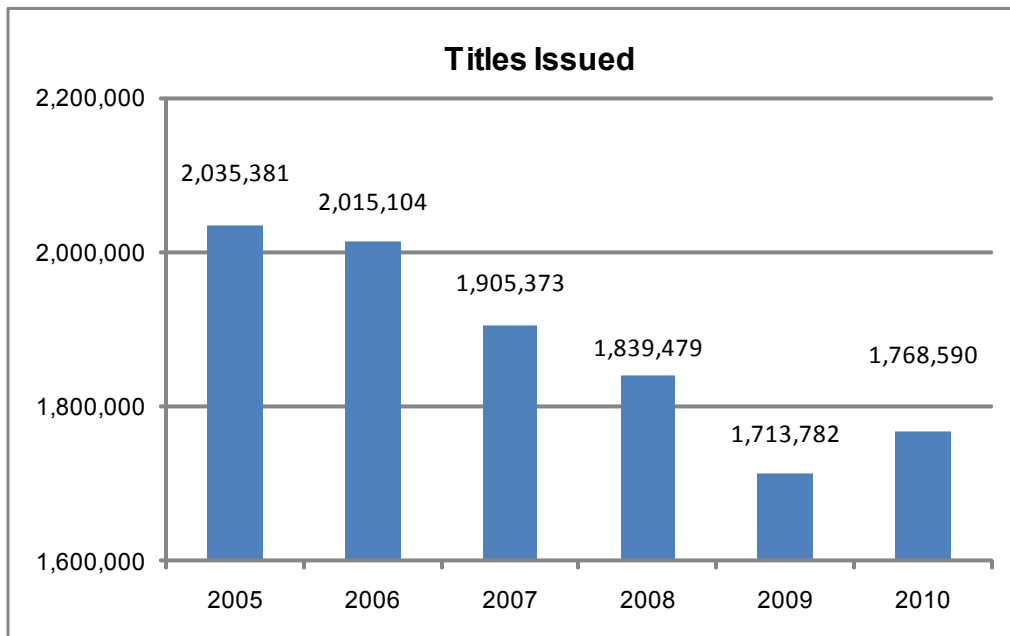
- the name and address of the owner(s)
- a description of the vehicle, including make, identification number and any other information reasonable for the identification of the vehicle
- the name of secured party (lien holder) if applicable
- odometer reading information (for vehicles 8,000 lbs or less and less than 10 model years old)
- Notations, such as Bond Posted for Issuance of Title, Replacement Title, etc.
- if a replacement title, Replacement Title notation is listed
- title branding — if applicable
- previously titled in another state — if applicable

**What does a title cost?**

The fee for filing an application for the first, or *original* title, or a title transfer, is \$69.50; \$53 for LSVs.. State and County sales taxes and environmental impact fees may also apply, as well as registration fees for vehicle operation on Wisconsin roadways. Notation of a security interest (lien holder) costs \$4 (\$10 effective January 4, 2010). Replacement titles — lost, stolen or mutilated — cost \$20.

**For more information contact:**

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 Research and Information Unit  
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 (608) 266-1466



Source: BVS Title Statistics by Month