

Vehicle Code Infraction Fine Breakdown

Each violation listed on a citation is assessed a base fine. In addition to the base fine, there are additional assessments added to make up the total fine amount due to the court. The total fine amount due can also be increased by prior offenses or points on a person's driving record. The amounts shown below are applicable to Santa Barbara County and may not apply to other counties.

Total fines for infraction traffic violations may be calculated as follows:

- Base Fine set by legislation and the Judicial Council of California.
- Penalty Assessment: Penalty assessments are allocated for such items as court and jail facility construction and other items as noted below:
 - \$10.00 per \$10 or fraction thereof/base fine per PC 1464 goes 70% to State Trial Court Trust Fund; 30% to County General Fund
 - \$2.10 per \$10 or fraction thereof /base fine per GC 76100 goes to the County Courthouse Construction Fund
 - \$2.10 per \$10 or fraction thereof /base fine per GC 76101 goes to the Criminal Justice Facilities Construction Fund
 - \$2.00 per \$10 or fraction thereof /base fine per GC 76000.5 goes to Maddy Emergency Medical Fund (State/County split)
 - \$5.00 per \$10 or fraction thereof /base fine per GC 70372.(a) goes to State Court Facilities Construction Fund
 - \$1.00 per \$10 or fraction thereof /base fine per GC 76104.6 goes to the DNA Identification Fund (County/State split)
 - \$4.00 per \$10 or fraction thereof /base fine per GC 76104.7 goes to the DNA Identification Fund (County/State split)
 - Twenty percent of base fine criminal surcharge pursuant to Penal Code 1465.7
 - Court Operations Assessment pursuant to Penal Code 1465.8 (\$40.00 per charge)
 - Criminal Facilities Conviction Assessment pursuant to GC 70373 goes to the State Court Facilities Construction Fund - Immediate and Critical Needs Account (\$35.00 assessed per conviction)

In addition, fines can be further enhanced pursuant to Vehicle Code 42009 for committing an offense while driving in a highway construction or maintenance area and pursuant to Vehicle Code 40210 for violations committed in a Safety Enhancement-Double Fine Zone.