

Crash Case, Individual, Vehicle and Violation Dataset Overview

General Description

New York State DMV receives reports of motor vehicles crashes that occur within NYS. The four datasets noted above provide a comprehensive view of a crash including road conditions, contributing factors to the crash, violations that may have been cited as well as injuries sustained, if any and many more attributes.

Data Collection Methodology

All crash reports processed by law enforcement personnel are forwarded to the NYS DMV for processing. Many capture and transmit crash data electronically while others continue to use a paper forms for recording crash data that they then mail to DMV for processing.

The NYS Vehicle and Traffic Law require that the parties involved in any crash where injury or death occurred, or property damage in excess of \$1,000 results, file a motorist crash report with the DMV.

The data files provided contain data received from both the law enforcement and motorist crash reports filed with DMV.

Statistical and Analytic Issues

Researchers may use this data to learn all reported facts regarding crashes in NYS in a given year.

Limitations of Data Use

The four datasets titled above are robust datasets that require they be viewed together in order for a full view of crashes in NYS can be obtained. DMV is solely the collector of the data; we do not affect the accuracy of what is reported to us.