

Registration File Overview

General Description

New York State DMV issues registration to vehicles, boats, and snowmobiles. Each registration is issued either through a registered NYS dealer or directly by the NYS DMV. Data contains vehicle description attributes including, year, make, body type, color, etc.

Exemptions from registration requirements exist for certain classes, for example: boats less than set lengths are exempt and trailers under a set weight are exempt, and therefore would not be included in the data set.

Data Collection Methodology

All data for the issuance of a registration is collected either in DMV issuing offices throughout the state or by registered NYS dealers. Data is entered into a processing system and stored centrally in Albany.

Statistical and Analytic Issues

Attributes regarding a customer's address may be inaccurate if the applicant failed to notify the DMV of a change of address. Changes to vehicle color must be self-reported and reflect the color most recently reported to the DMV.

Limitations of Data Use

This data set will not identify the registrant's personal information.