

DMV-Reportable Traffic Ticket Convictions: 4 Year Window Data

Overview

General Description

State and Local traffic courts throughout New York State are required to send the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) copies of the disposition of all traffic tickets they adjudicate. Additionally, New York State criminal courts are required to report all Vehicle & Traffic Law convictions for felony and misdemeanor tickets they adjudicate.

This dataset contains the convictions reported to DMV by all New York State traffic and criminal courts during the time period noted that were recorded on driver's license records.

Data Collection Methodology

All disposition data originates at various courts across NYS. Disposition data is sent to DMV in either paper or electronic form and is recorded on driver's license records.

Statistical and Analytic Issues

The data details the key elements of the conviction. DMV only records what is transmitted from the courts.

Limitations of Data Use

The conviction dataset provides disposition information that was recorded on driver's license records for the traffic tickets adjudicated during the time period noted.

- It should not be assumed that the conviction is for the same offense for which the traffic ticket was originally issued.
- Not all convictions are required to be posted to a driver's license record. This dataset only contains convictions that were required to be posted to a driver's license record. This dataset cannot be used to calculate the total number of convictions issued in any given year.
- Tickets may be disposed years after the original date of issuance so it cannot be assumed that the year of conviction is the year in which the ticket was issued.
- DMV does not handle tickets issued for parking violations.