

Ticket Data Overview

General Description

State and Local law enforcement agencies throughout New York State are required to send the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) copies of universal tickets they issue for violations of applicable laws in the course of operating a motor vehicle.

Records of these tickets are maintained by DMV awaiting final outcome (officially titled “disposition”: i.e. guilty, not guilty, dismissed, etc.) of the ticket from the various courts in NYS.

Data Collection Methodology

All ticketing file data originates with various law enforcement agencies across NYS. Ticketing data is sent to DMV in either paper or electronic form and is recorded and stored in DMV’s central facility in Albany.

Statistical and Analytic Issues

The data details each of the key elements set forth on the traffic ticket, as described in the accompanying data dictionary. DMV only records what is transmitted from the law enforcement agency.

Limitations of Data Use

The DMV does not receive arrest records for felony and misdemeanor offenses in NYC.

The ticketing data set provides information on universal traffic tickets issued by state, local and public authority law enforcement agencies during the time period noted. It should not be assumed that the issuance of a traffic violation ticket is the same as the individual being found guilty of the offense. The individual or entity the ticket was issued to may enter a plea of guilty or not guilty to the offense cited in the ticket and the court then renders the disposition (guilty, not-guilty, dismissed, etc.) of the ticket.