

Method Statement for Vehicle Registration Tax Dataset



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1. Introduction

The purpose of this document is to provide information on the commitment to quality activities and procedures Revenue has put in place in respect of the production of Revenue Statistics to comply with the Irish Statistical System Code of Practice (ISSCOP).¹

This dataset shows annual new and used vehicle registrations for VRT.

¹ For more information see <http://www.isscop.ie/>

2. General Information

<i>Dataset Name:</i>	Vehicle Registration Tax
<i>Keywords:</i>	Vehicle category, New, Used, Receipts, Registration, Car, Car derived vans, Commercial vehicles, Exempt, Motor Cycles, Year
<i>Update Frequency:</i>	Annual
<i>Licence:</i>	CC-By
<i>Formats:</i>	.csv, .pdf
<i>Hyperlinks:</i>	http://www.revenue.ie/en/corporate/information-about-revenue/statistics/registrations-assessments-transactions/vrt.aspx
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<i>Reference Years</i>	2000-2017
<i>Anonymisation or aggregation required:</i>	No, Macro-data
<i>Geographical Scope:</i>	National

3. Production

<i>Coding:</i>	Vehicle Category, New, Used
<i>Data Source:</i>	<p>Vehicle Registration Details are taken from Registration details filed upon by Car Dealerships or NCT centres upon Registration for VRT. We draw these using the IBI System.</p> <p>Data regarding receipts are also collected from the system but is adjusted for deferrals and repayments etc. The final VRT figure however is set by the Accountant General's area.</p>
<i>Imputation:</i>	Not Applicable
<i>Breakdown</i>	Data are broken down by new or used receipts and registrations for categories A,B,C,D and M
<i>Computation:</i>	None

4. Quality

<p><i>Relevance:</i></p>	<p>Data are used to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inform the Tax Strategy Group and the Department of Finance on budgetary decisions • Provide answers to Parliamentary Questions (PQs) and Freedom of Information (FOI) requests. • Inform policymakers and internal stakeholders and • Fulfil requests for data from academics, students, journalists and members of the public.
<p><i>Accuracy & Reliability:</i></p>	<p>Data are compared with the previous year's data.</p> <p>Source data are input into Revenue's systems by the Collector General's area and the statistical outputs are assessed and validated are signed off by the Accountant General's area.</p>
<p><i>Timeliness & Punctuality:</i></p>	<p>An advance release schedule is provided for all datasets with anticipated publication deadline.</p> <p>Divergence from the notified schedule is publicised in advance, along with a new release date.</p> <p>See the list of Supporting Documentation below for a link to the current Revenue Statistics Publication Calendar.</p>
<p><i>Coherence and Comparability:</i></p>	<p>The dataset provides figures for Vehicle Registrations by category of vehicle. The data are grouped at the same granularity for all years.</p> <p>Where there is a deviation notes are provided. Provisional data are also identified.</p>
<p><i>Accessibility and Clarity:</i></p>	<p>Published electronically on Revenue's Website & Open Data portal</p> <p>This dataset is consistent with the Open Data Technical Framework:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • with metadata, methodological and quality information • to Open Data 3-star Format (i.e., machine readable) and • searchable through keywords.

5. Supporting Documentation

[Revenue Statistics - Quality Statement](#)

[Revenue Statistics - Publication and Dissemination Policy](#)

[Revenue Statistics - Publication Calendar](#)

[Revenue Statistics - Statistical Disclosure Control](#)

[Open Data Technical Framework](#)

[Irish Statistical System Code of Practice](#)