



**South Dakota Department of Revenue**  
**Motor Vehicle Division**

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## DIVISION PURPOSE:

The Motor Vehicle Division administers the South Dakota laws and regulations as they pertain to vehicle ownership and the collection of associated revenues.

### Key programs:

- Issue motor vehicle certificates of title and collect motor vehicle excise tax on private, commercial and prorate vehicle sales.
- Administer annual vehicle licensing and registration requirements and the collection of fees for private, commercial and prorate vehicles.
- Collect motor fuel excise tax.
- License and oversee motor vehicle dealers.

## COUNTY PARTNERSHIP:

The Motor Vehicle Division works closely with County Treasurers on:

- Certificate of Title issuance for motor vehicles.
- Collection of motor vehicle excise tax.
- Annual renewal of motor vehicle registrations and collection of license fees.
- Assignment of standard and specialty license plates.
- Customer support.

## COUNTY PARTNERSHIP:

The county partnership includes a shared relationship in many areas:

- Computers to access the SDCars database.
- Network lines to access SDCars database.
- Computer technical support for SDCars database.
- Specialized printers for registration card documents.
- Forms and required documents for the title and registration process.
- Staff training and assistance in the titling and registration process and procedures to comply with motor vehicle laws.
- Customer support through the Division's call center and staff.
- User guides and procedure manuals.
- Communication by means of important notifications on the SDCars message board and emails distributed to the treasurers via a Listserv distribution group.
- Send out monthly renewal cards as a reminder to customers.

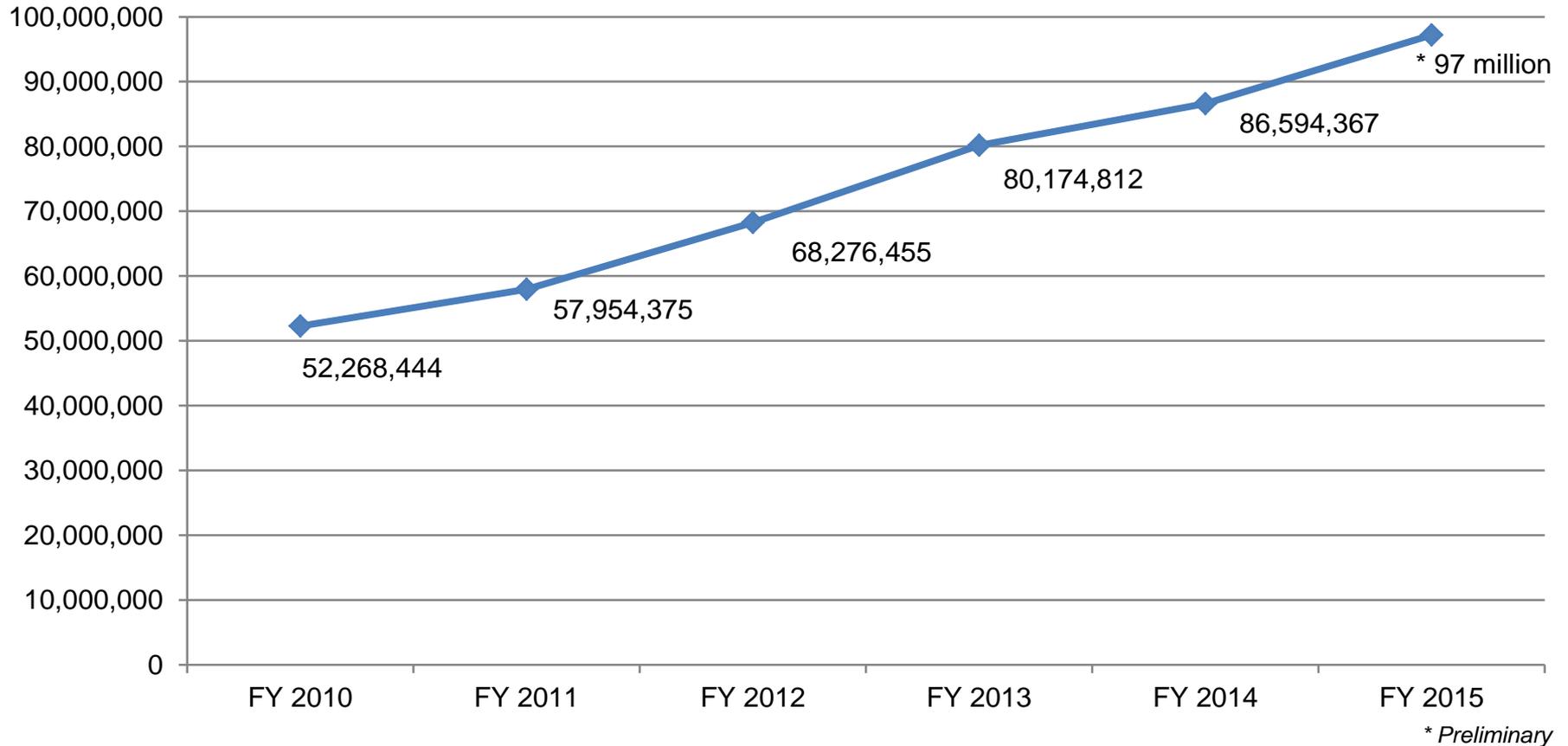
# METHODS FOR ANNUAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION RENEWAL:

- County Treasurer Office
  - Over the counter
  - By mail
- Online at the Customer Portal
  - [MySDCars.sd.gov](http://MySDCars.sd.gov)
- Self-Service Terminals (SSTs)
  - 11 kiosks throughout the state
  - Many locations provide 24 hour service

# ANNUAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES

- Includes registration of all motor vehicles used on public roadways.
- License fees are based on the type of vehicle.
- License fee increases were passed by the Legislature for non-commercial vehicles in:
  - 2011
  - 2013
  - 2015
- Vehicle registration fees are dedicated to fund maintenance of county, township and municipal roads and bridges per SDCL:
  - 32-11-4.1
  - 32-11-35

# LICENSE FEE COLLECTIONS 6 YEAR HISTORY FISCAL YEAR



# COUNTY WHEEL TAX

- Wheel Tax is a method for counties to collect revenue for the maintenance of the county roads and bridges.
- Wheel Tax is an elective option and is only imposed per the passing of a county ordinance/resolution.
- *SDCL 32-5A-1* allows counties to assess a rate not to exceed \$5 per wheel or \$60 per vehicle.
- 51 counties currently charge a wheel tax leaving 15 counties with no wheel tax fee.

# Questions?