MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND LICENSED MOTORISTS

The REGISTERED VEHICLES table indicates that 850,138 vehicles, in total, were registered in the State of Delaware during 2008. A previously steady increase in the registration of vehicles, building over the span of a decade, is apparent, whereas 2008 is the first year the total number of registered vehicles actually declined. The total number of registered vehicles declined by 0.52% compared to 2007.

In contrast, the licensed motorists continued its steady increase as shown in the LICENSED DRIVERS table. In total, 634,339 motorists representing almost 73% of the State population were licensed in Delaware to operate motor vehicles during 2008.