**Documentation for Stock\_Returns\_1931\_2002**

This file contains 2 monthly data series over the 1931:1-2002:12 sample period.

***ExReturn:*** Excess Returns

***ln\_DivYield:*** 100×ln(*dividend yield)*. (Multiplication by 100 means the changes are interpreted as percentage points).

The regressions in Table 14.2 and 14.6 use monthly financial data for the United States. Stock prices (Pt) are measured by the broad-based (NYSE and AMEX) value-weighted index of stock prices constructed by the Center for Research in Security Prices (CRSP). The monthly percentage excess return is 100 ×{ln[(Pt + Divt) /Pt – 1] - ln(TBillt)}, where Divt is the dividends paid on the stocks in the CRSP index and TBillt is the gross return (1 plus the interest rate) on a 30-day Treasury bill during month t. The dividend–price ratio is constructed as the dividends over the past 12 months, divided by the price in the current month.

The data were supplied by Professor Motohiro Yogo of the University of Pennsylvania and were used in his paper with John Campbell “**Efficient Tests of Stock Return Predictability,”** *Journal of Financial Economics*, 2006.