

# Data Dictionary

## Immigration Filings Dataset

UCLA Law Covid-19 Behind Bars Data Project

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## Data Overview

The general purpose of this dataset is to display information on COVID-19-related immigration filings that advocates have filed across the country. Specifically, we are tracking data on bond motions, habeas petitions, and parole requests. Our hope is that dissemination of this information helps advocates across the country with decarceration efforts, by providing them examples of successful requests, motions, and petitions. For some filings, attorneys have volunteered their contact information and additional documents—if you are interested in learning more about a specific filing, please email us.

This dataset includes information regarding bond motions, habeas petitions, and parole requests that have been filed by immigration advocates in response to COVID-19. The data were collected via this [Google form](#) where attorneys self-report information about filings they've worked on. The form was sent via our researchers' immigration law networks and mailing lists. The data are not a complete list of immigration COVID-19-related filings, nor are they a representative sample. The reason for self-reported data is because immigration filings (with the exception of federal habeas petitions) are not accessible on public forums such as west law, Bloomberg, or docket searches.

## Description of Columns

### Unique ID

This is an internal ID we created to identify each individual filing.

### Request or Motions Type

Whether the filing was a Bond Motion, Habeas Petition, Order of supervision (OSUP) request, or Parole Request.

### Facility

Name of the detention facility in which the client is detained.

### State

State in which the client is detailed.

### Judge

Judge who reviewed the filing. This column is not relevant for parole requests, so the value will be missing.

### Outcome

Whether the filing was unsuccessful or successful (resulted in the release of the client). Data values are: "Successful", "Unsuccessful", or "Unsuccessful (Appealed)".

### Number of releases

The number of people who were released as a result of the filing.

### Was COVID-19 present at facility at time of filing

Whether any confirmed cases of COVID-19 were present at the time of filing inside the facility in which the client is detained. Data values are: "Yes" or "No".

### Age (range) of client

Data values are "Age (Below 21)", "Age (21-30)", "Age (31-40)", "Age (51-60)", "Age (51-60)", "Age (61-70)", "Age (70+)"

### COVID-19 status

Whether the client has contracted COVID-19. Possible data values are "Presumptively positive", "Negative or presumptively negative", and "Unknown".

## Health Risk Factors

This is a set of eight columns, each indicating whether the client has a specific health condition that puts them at higher risk for COVID-19. The possible data values in these columns are “Yes”, “No”, or “Unknown”.

- Lung Conditions
- Heart Conditions
- Substance Abuse History
- Cancer
- Diabetes
- Immuno-suppressant medication
- History of Smoking
- Other Risk Factor(s)

## Additional Details (Health Conditions / Risk Factors)

Here are listed any additional COVID-19 health conditions or risk factors beyond those included above that attorneys wanted to provide. Sometimes attorneys listed additional risk factors such as high blood pressure, and sometimes they provided additional information about one of the eight risk factors they’d already indicated that their client had.

## Criminal Background

Possible data values are “Yes”, “No”, with many “Yes” having parenthetical statements providing details about whether the criminal background is violent.