

VUC 2013 Elections Dataset Codebook

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1 Sources

- Official elections results were scraped from <http://osk2013.statistics.sk/>.
- Official census territorial codes were scraped from <http://www.sodbtn.sk/obce/abeceda.php>

2 Elections

- First round date: 9 November 2013
- Second round date: 23 November 2013.

The second round took place in the following five self-governing regions:

- Banska Bystrica
- Bratislava
- Kosice
- Nitra

- Trnava

Table 1 shows the English translations of selected Slovak terms.

Table 1: Slovak & English terms.

Slovak	English
samosprávny kraj	(self-governing) region
vyšší územno-správný celok (VUC)	(self-governing) region
predseda VUC	governor
zastupiteľstvo VUC	regional council
člen zastupiteľstva VUC	councilor

3 Territorial Units

Table 2: Territorial units: Slovak & English terms and counts.

Slovak	English	<i>n</i>
kraj	region	8
okres	county	79
obvod	(electoral) district	90
obec	municipality	2926
okrsok	ward/precinct/polling station	5932

4 Coding

Variable names are modular, see Table 3 for details.

Table 3: Basic variable name elements.

Element	Description
r1_	data specific to first round
r2_	data specific to second round
g	data specific to gubernatorial elections; either <code>votes</code> or <code>name</code>
c	data specific to council elections; either <code>votes</code> or <code>name</code>
name_	a name; if followed by a number a name of a candidate, otherwise a territorial name
sodbtn_	territorial code used in censi

Table 2 shows variable name elements specific to turnout variables. Note that there is only one envelope also when there are two ballots – governor and council – in the first round.

Table 4: Variable name elements specific to turnout.

Element	Description
<code>registered_voters</code>	number of voters on rolls
<code>envelopes_given</code>	number of envelopes picked-up by voters
<code>envelopes_valid</code>	<code>_governor</code> or <code>_council</code>

Since ballot length varies widely across districts, the number of columns for candidate-related variables – `_name_` & `_votes_` – is set to the district with the longest ballot. As a result there are plenty of NA. These are not missing data.

5 Files

There are two files:

- `vuc_2013_ward.dat` where each row is a polling station (ward).
- `vuc_2013_municipality.dat` where each row is a municipality.

Both files are in tab-separated format.