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National Prosecutors Survey [Census], 2001

Description

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Scope of Study

Summary: The National Survey of Prosecutors is a survey of chief prosecutors in state court systems. It was previously conducted in 1990, 1992, 1994, and 1996 (ICPSR 9579, 6273, 6785, 2433 respectively). For 2001, instead of a survey of chief prosecutors, a census of all 2,341 chief prosecutors who handled felony cases in state courts of general jurisdiction was conducted. A chief prosecutor is an official, usually locally elected and typically with the title of district attorney or county attorney, who is in charge of a prosecutorial district made up of one or more counties, and who conducts or supervises the prosecution of felony cases in a state court system. Prosecutors in courts of limited jurisdiction, such as municipal prosecutors, were not included in the survey. The census' purpose was to obtain detailed descriptive information on prosecutors' offices, as well as information on their policies and practices. Variables cover staffing, funding, special categories of felony prosecutions, caseload, juvenile matters, work-related threats or assaults, the use of DNA evidence, and community-related activities, such as involvement in neighborhood associations. The unit of analysis is the district office.

Subject Term(s): attorneys, case processing, district attorneys, evidence, felony courts, felony offenses, plea negotiations, policies and procedures, prosecuting attorneys, prosecution, sentencing, state courts, trial procedures

Geographic Coverage: United States

Time Period: • 2001

Date(s) of Collection: • May 2001 - August 2001

Universe: Prosecutorial districts in the United States.

Data Type: census/enumeration data

Data Collection Notes: Conducted by the National Opinion Research Center.

Methodology

Sample: inap.

Data Source: self-enumerated questionnaires, and telephone interviews for offices not initially reported

Extent of Processing: Standardized missing values.

Performed recodes and/or calculated derived variables.

Checked for undocumented or out-of-range codes.

Access and Availability

Note: A list of the data formats available for this study can be found in the [summary of holdings](#). Detailed file-level information (such as record length, case count, and variable count) is listed in the [file manifest](#).

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Version History: The last update of this study occurred on 2005-11-04.

2005-11-04 - On 2005-03-14 new files were added to one or more datasets. These files included additional setup files as well as one or more of the following: SAS program, SAS transport, SPSS portable, and Stata system files. The metadata record was revised 2005-11-04 to reflect these additions.

Dataset(s): • DS1: National Prosecutors Survey [Census], 2001