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## National Prosecutors Survey, 1992

Description

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## **Bibliographic Description**

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## **Scope of Study**

Summary: This survey queried chief prosecuting attorneys of state prosecutorial districts (district attorneys, commonwealth attorneys, etc.) about the prosecution of felony cases within their jurisdictions during 1991 and 1992. Some items included in an earlier survey, NATIONAL PROSECUTORS SURVEY, 1990 (ICPSR 9579), were repeated, covering topics such as new methods of prosecution, new kinds of evidence, use of criminal history data, general workload statistics, funding, plea negotiations, sentencing of intermediate sanctions, relationships with victims and other persons aiding prosecution, criminal defense of indigents, and the use of lower courts and grand juries. New areas of concern in 1992 included staffing, turnover, recruitment, new kinds of felonies, problem cases, scientific evidence, computerization, staff training, drug testing, and the personal risks associated with the role of prosecutor. Demographic data include sex, race, and ethnic composition of current staff members.

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

Geographic Coverage: United States

Time Period: • July 1, 1991 - June 30, 1992

Date(s) of Collection: • 1992

Universe: Prosecutorial districts, usually consisting entirely of one county (190), but occasionally two or more counties (100) in the United States.

Data Type: survey data

Data Collection Notes: Conducted by United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.

## Methodology

Sample: Stratified probability sample of approximately 300 counties selected for the NATIONAL JUDICIAL REPORTING PROGRAM, 1990 (ICPSR 6038), equivalent to a nationally representative sample of chief prosecutors.

Data Source: self-enumerated questionnaires

Extent of Processing: 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](#).

Restrictions: A downloadable version of data for this study is available however, certain identifying information in the downloadable version may have been masked or edited to protect respondent privacy. Additional data not included in the downloadable version are available in a restricted version of this data collection. For more information about the differences between the downloadable data and the restricted data for this study, please refer to the codebook notes section of the PDF codebook. Users interested in obtaining restricted data must complete and sign a Restricted Data Use Agreement, describe the research project and data protection plan, and obtain IRB approval or notice of exemption for their research.

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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: Main Data File
  - DS2: SAS Data Definition Statements