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Exploring Alternative Data Sources for the Study of Assault in Miami, Florida, St. Louis, Missouri, and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 1994 -1997

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Witness Relationship with Suspect Data
Codebook



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ICPSR CODEBOOK NOTES
Witness Relationship with Suspect Data

- 1) To protect respondent privacy, certain identifying information is restricted from general dissemination. Users interested in obtaining these data must complete a Restricted Data Use Agreement form and specify the reasons for the request. A copy of the Restricted Data Use Agreement form can be requested by calling 800-999-0960. Researchers can also download this form as a Portable Document Format (PDF) file from the download page associated with this dataset.

Completed forms should be returned to: Director, National Archive of Criminal Justice Data, Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research, Institute for Social Research, P.O. Box 1248, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI 48106-1248, or by fax: 734-647-8200.

- 2) ICPSR added variable labels and value labels based on codebooks provided by the principal investigator for each part. The original NCOVR Witness-Suspect Relationship Table Code Sheet created by the principal investigator is included as an appendix to this codebook. ICPSR converted the original MS Excel Code Sheet to PDF format for dissemination purposes.
- 3) ICPSR recoded blanks in numeric variables to -9 and labeled them "Blank".
- 4) ICPSR anonymized IDIV "UNIQUE INCIDENT ID NUMBER", IDWITNES "UNIQUE ID NUMBER FOR WITNESS", and IDSUSPEC "UNIQUE ID NUMBER FOR SUSPECT". The same anonymization scheme was applied to the IDIV variables in Parts 1-9, the IDWITNES variables in Parts 4, 8, and 9 and the IDSUSPEC variables in Parts 3 and 5-8, so that the data can be linked using the anonymized ID numbers. Specifically, IDIV can be used to link Parts 1-9, IDWITNES can be used to link Parts 4, 8, and 9, and IDSUSPEC can be used to link Parts 3 and 5-8.
- 5) ICPSR created the CASEID "CASE IDENTIFIER CREATED BY ICPSR" variable which is a unique identifier. It cannot be used to link parts.
- 6) ICPSR masked WITNESSS "LABELS DESCRIBING WITNESS RELATIONSHIP TO SUSPECT" in the downloadable dataset to protect respondent confidentiality. The original content of the masked variables is available through our restricted access procedures (see note 1 above).
- 7) Users should be aware that there is a pair of duplicate variables in this dataset. The IDWITN_1 "RELATIONSHIP OF WITNESS TO SUSPECT" variable is a categorical (numeric) variable and the matching WITNESSS "LABELS DESCRIBING WITNESS RELATIONSHIP TO SUSPECT" variable is a string variable.

- 8) ICPSR edited the following variable in the downloadable dataset to protect respondent confidentiality:

IDWITN_1 "RELATIONSHIP OF WITNESS TO SUSPECT": The categories of 5 "Intimate of suspect" and 6 "Cohabitant of suspect" were combined into 7 "Intimate or cohabitant of suspect".

The original (non-recoded) categories are available through our restricted access procedures (see note 1 above).

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Variable Description and Frequencies

Note: Frequencies displayed for the variables are not weighted. They are purely descriptive and may not be representative of the study population. Please review any sampling or weighting information available with the study.

Summary statistics (minimum, maximum, mean, median, and standard deviation) may not be available for every variable in the codebook. Conversely, a listing of frequencies in table format may not be present for every variable in the codebook either. However, all variables in the dataset are present and display sufficient information about each variable. These decisions are made intentionally and are at the discretion of the archive producing this codebook.

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CASEID	CASE IDENTIFIER CREATED BY ICPSR
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Location:	1-8 (width: 8; decimal: 0)
Variable Type:	numeric
	Based upon 262 valid cases out of 262 total cases.

IDIV	UNIQUE INCIDENT ID NUMBER
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Location:	9-12 (width: 4; decimal: 0)
Variable Type:	numeric
	Based upon 262 valid cases out of 262 total cases.

- Mean: 684.81
- Median: 859.00
- Mode: 209.00
- Minimum: 4.00
- Maximum: 1418.00
- Standard Deviation: 467.71

IDWITNES	UNIQUE ID NUMBER FOR WITNESS
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Location:	13-16 (width: 4; decimal: 0)
Variable Type:	numeric
	Based upon 262 valid cases out of 262 total cases.

- Mean: 261.13
- Median: 325.00
- Minimum: 1.00
- Maximum: 503.00
- Standard Deviation: 170.97

IDSUSPEC	UNIQUE ID NUMBER FOR SUSPECT
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Location:	17-20 (width: 4; decimal: 0)
Variable Type:	numeric
	Based upon 262 valid cases out of 262 total cases.

- Mean: 1014.60
- Median: 984.50
- Mode: 72.00
- Minimum: 2.00
- Maximum: 2935.00
- Standard Deviation: 802.46

NCOVR City Aggravated Assault Code Sheet

Table Variable Codes

v02_witness_suspect_relship

v02_witness_suspect_relship

ID IV

v02_witness_suspect_relship

ID Witness

v02_witness_suspect_relship

ID Suspect

v02_witness_suspect_relship

Id Witness Suspect Relship

v02_witness_suspect_relship

Witness Suspect Relship

(blank)

Stranger to Suspect
 Friend of Suspect
 Relative of Suspect
 Other Acquaintance of Suspect
 Intimate to Suspect
 Cohabitant with Suspect
 (blank)

v02_Witness_Suspect_Relship Table

Description

Relationship of witness to suspect

Unique incident ID number
 (Use to join data from all tables)

Unique ID number for witness

Unique ID number for suspect

Relationship of witness to suspect

- 1 Stranger to Suspect
- 2 Friend of Suspect
- 3 Relative of Suspect
- 4 Other Acquaintance of Suspect
- 5 Intimate to Suspect
- 6 Cohabitant with Suspect
- Not specified

Labels describing witness relationship to suspect

Not specified