

ICPSR 33622

Federal Court Cases: Integrated Data Base, 2011

Description

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Bibliographic Description

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Scope of Study

Summary: The purpose of this data collection is to provide an official public record

of the business of the federal courts. The data originate from district and appellate court offices throughout the United States. Information was obtained at two points in the life of appellate and civil cases: filing and termination. The termination data (archived in this data collection) contain information on both filing and terminations, while the pending data (archived as a separate data collection) contain only filing information on the most recent pending cases. The unit of analysis for the appellate and civil terminations data is the case. This collection also contains data on criminal cases in federal courts. However, the unit of analysis for the criminal data is the defendant, and a defendant can be included in several

cases.

Subject Term(s): administration, appellate courts, case dismissal, case processing, civil

law, court cases, criminal law, defendants, disposition (legal), federal courts, judicial decisions, legal systems, pretrial procedures, records,

trial courts, trial procedures

Smallest Geographic Unit: county

Geographic Coverage: United States

Time Period: • 2011

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Date(s) of Collection: • 2011

Unit of Observation: Appellate terminations data -- case, Civil terminations data -- case,

Criminal data -- defendant

Universe: All federal court cases in the United States in 2011.

Data Type: administrative records data

event/transaction data

Data Collection Notes: Starting with the year 2001, each year of data for Federal Court Cases

Integrated Data Base is released by ICPSR as a separate study number. Data for the years 1970-2000 can be found in FEDERAL COURT CASES: INTEGRATED DATA BASE, 1970-2000 (ICPSR 8429).

Starting with year 2008, the appellate pending and civil pending data

are archived as a separate data collection.

Methodology

Data Source: computerized court records

administrative records

Extent of Processing: Created variable labels and/or value labels.

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

<u>summary of holdings</u>. Detailed file-level information (such as record length, case count, and variable count) is listed in the <u>file manifest</u>.

Restrictions: Access to these data is restricted. Users interested in obtaining these

data must complete a Restricted Data Use Agreement, specify the reasons for the request, and obtain IRB approval or notice of exemption

for their research.

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Version History: The last update of this study occurred on 2013-01-08.

2013-01-08 - The docket numbers were recoded to 9-fill to protect the $\,$

confidentiality of individuals involved in the case.

Dataset(s): • DS1: Appellate Terminations Data, 2011

• DS2: Civil Terminations Data, 2011 -- With PLT and DEF Blanked

• DS3: Criminal Data, 2011

• DS4: Civil Terminations Data, 2011 -- With PLT and DEF Containing

Original Values