

ICPSR 7750

## **Criminal Case Processing in Metropolitan Courts, 1976**

Description

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## **Bibliographic Description**

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## **Scope of Study**

Summary: In 1977 the National Center for State Courts, in cooperation with the National Conference of Metropolitan Courts, began a research and demonstration project on the delay in processing criminal cases in major metropolitan courts. The objectives were (1) to determine the scope and extent of the delay in such courts, (2) to identify factors associated with the delay, and (3) to suggest and ultimately test techniques that might work to reduce the delay. The variables include geographic location, disposition type, most serious charge against the defendant, and dates of arrest, trial, disposition, and sentencing.

Subject Term(s): case processing, cities, courts, courtroom proceedings, disposition (legal)

Geographic Coverage: United States

Time Period: • 1976

Date(s) of Collection: • 1977

Universe: Criminal cases disposed of at the general jurisdiction trial court level in United States metropolitan courts in the 1976 fiscal or calendar year.

Data Type: administrative records data

## Methodology

Sample: The survey consists of 21 samples, each of which contains data on 400 to 600 individual criminal cases. These cases were either systematically or randomly selected from the set of cases finally disposed of at the general jurisdiction trial court level in either the 1976 fiscal or calendar year.

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](#).

Original ICPSR Release: 1984-03-18

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.

1997-02-13 - SAS and SPSS data definition statements are now available for this collection.

Dataset(s): • DS1: Criminal Case Processing in Metropolitan Courts, 1976