

Codebook for CityHealth: Healthy Rental Housing

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This codebook describes the variables in a dataset that examines variation in state, county, and city laws on Healthy Rental Housing laws across the 75 cities, their respective counties, 33 states and the District of Columbia. This dataset is cross-sectional, capturing currently effective law valid through June 1, 2024.

There are three standard variables in this MonQcle dataset. They are:

JURISDICTION:

This is a dropdown selection in each coding form. It includes the jurisdictions coded in the dataset.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

This date (MM/DD/YYYY) is the most recent effective date of the legal text captured for this place. The effective date represents the date the policy coded was put into effect.

VALID THROUGH DATE:

This date (MM/DD/YYYY) is the last date the policy was in effect as reflected by the legal text captured to code this policy.

Questions	
Question 1:	Does the city have a policy that requires registration of a rental building?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 1:	HRH_Policy
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 1.1:	Does the policy require at least bi-annual (once every two years) rental registration?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 1.1:	HRH_AnnualRegistration
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 1.1.1:	Does the policy apply to buildings with three or more units?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 1.1.1:	HRH_Units
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 1.1.2:	Does the policy contain exemptions for the number of units necessary to trigger the application requirement?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 1.1.2:	HRH_Exemptions
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 1.2:	How frequently does the policy require inspections?
Question Type:	Categorical - mutually exclusive

Variable Name 1.2:	HRH_InspectionFrequency
Variable Values:	0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
Value Label:	0 = Every year
Value Label:	1 = Every two years
Value Label:	2 = Every three years
Value Label:	3 = Every four years
Value Label:	4 = Every five years
Value Label:	5 = More than every five years
Value Label:	6 = Policy does not require inspections
Value Label:	7 = Policy requires inspections but does not require a frequency interval
Question 1.3:	What areas of the property does the policy require to be inspected?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 1.3(A):	HRH_InspectionAreas_Interior
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 1.3(B):	HRH_InspectionAreas_Interior in the event of an exterior violation
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 1.3(C):	HRH_InspectionAreas_Exterior
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 1.3(D):	HRH_InspectionAreas_No inspection required
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes

Question 1.4:	Does the policy require landlords to pay registration fees?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 1.4:	HRH_Registration
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 1.5:	Does the policy require landlords to pay inspection fees?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 1.5:	HRH_Inspection
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 1.6:	Does the policy require advanced notice of inspection to the landlord?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 1.6:	HRH_NoticeLandlord
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 1.7:	Does the policy require advanced notice of the inspection to the tenant?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 1.7:	HRH_NoticeTenant
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 1.8:	Does the policy require evaluation?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 1.8:	HRH_Evaluation

Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 1.9:	Does the policy have reporting requirement?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 1.9:	HRH_Reporting
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 2:	Is the city blocked from establishing a policy that requires registration of a rental building?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 2:	HRH_Blocked
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes