

Codebook for CityHealth: Legal Support for Renters

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CODEBOOK

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This codebook describes the variables in a dataset that examines variation in state, county and city laws on legal support for renters. This dataset includes the 75 largest cities, their respective counties, 32 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 every 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.

AN IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT THE STATISTICAL DATA PAGE:

This codebook should be used in conjunction with the statistical data extract that can be downloaded from the dataset homepage by clicking on the Data button. The value labels defined below will correspond with the coded responses you will see on the Statistical data page. Coding questions that are not answered will show as a period (".") in the Excel cell. Coding questions can be intentionally not answered, such as when a state does not have a law and the coder therefor leaves the remaining coding answers as unanswered.

Questions

Question 1:	Has the city has established a policy that provides legal assistance for at-risk renters?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 1:	LSR_Policy
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 1.1:	Does the policy cover all tenants?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 1.1:	LSR_AllTenants
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 1.2:	Does the policy cover all tenants within an objectively defined group?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 1.2:	LSR_ObjectiveGroup
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes

Question 1.2.1:	What types of tenants are covered by the policy?
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 1.2.1(A):	LSR_RenterType_Tenants in publicly subsidized housing
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 1.2.1(B):	LSR_RenterType_Seniors
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 1.2.1(C):	LSR_RenterType_Tenants with disabilities
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 1.2.1(D):	LSR_RenterType_ Any tenant with at least 1 child making no more than 125% of the federal poverty level
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 1.2.1(E):	LSR_RenterType_ Any tenant with at least 1 child making no more than 200% of the federal poverty level

Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 1.3:	Does the policy cover any tenant making no more than 200% of the poverty level?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 1.3:	LSR_200%
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 1.4:	Does the policy the provide a flexible standard of indigence encouraging broad applicability?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 1.4:	LSR_Flexible
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 1.4.1:	Does the policy vest providers with discretion to determine indigence?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 1.4.1:	LSR_Discretion
Variable Values:	0, 1

Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 1.5:	Does the policy cover any tenant with at least 1 child making no more than 125% of the federal poverty level?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 1.5:	LSR_125%
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 1.6:	Does the policy include limited-range coverage?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 1.6:	LSR_Limited Coverage
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 1.7:	Does the policy include enhanced coverage?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 1.7:	LSR_EnhancedCoverage
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:	LSR_ Evaluation
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 1.9:	Does the policy require reporting?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 1.9:	LSR_ Report
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 1.9.1:	Does the policy require that the report be made public?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 1.9.1:	LSR_PublicReport
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 2:	Is the city blocked from establishing a policy that provides legal assistance for at-risk renters?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive

Variable Name 2:	LSR_Blocked
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes