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Codebook for CityHealth: Healthy Food Purchasing

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This codebook describes the variables in a dataset that examines variation in state, county and city laws on healthy food purchasing. 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, 2025.

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 therefore leaves the remaining coding answers as unanswered.

Questions	
Question 1:	Does the city have a procurement policy mandating nutritional standards?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 1:	HFP_Policy
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 1.1:	Is the policy at least as strong as the Foodservice Guidelines for Federal Facilities?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 1.1:	HFP_FSG
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 1.1.1:	Which level of the Foodservice Guidelines for Federal Facilities does the policy achieve?
Question Type:	Categorical - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 1.1.1:	HFP_FSGLevels
Variable Values:	0, 1, 2
Value Label:	0 = Standard
Value Label:	1 = Innovative

Value Label:	2 = Federal
Question 1.2:	Does the policy apply to one or more venues where food is sold or served on city property or by a city agency or city contractor?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 1.2:	HFP_SomeVenues
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 1.3:	Does the policy apply to all venues where food is sold on city property?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 1.3:	HFP_AllVenues
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 1.4:	Does the policy apply to all venues where food is purchased with city funds and/or served by city agencies, contractors, or subcontractors?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 1.4:	HFP_AllFunds
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No

Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 2:	Is the city blocked from establishing a healthy food procurement policy?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 2:	HFP_Blocked
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes