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Codebook for CityHealth: Safer Alcohol Sales

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Codebook

This codebook describes the variables in a dataset that examines variation in state, county and city laws on safer alcohol sales. 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 August 30, 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 therefor leaves the remaining coding answers as unanswered.

Questions

Question 1:	What level of authority exists for alcohol regulation?
Question Type:	Categorical - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 1:	SAS_Auth
Variable Values:	0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Value Label:	0 = Concurrent local regulatory authority with exclusive state licensing authority
Value Label:	1 = Mixed authority depending on type of alcohol or outlet
Value Label:	2 = Joint local and state licensing and regulatory powers
Value Label:	3 = Exclusive or near exclusive preemption
Value Label:	4 = Local licensing authority with minimum state standards
Value Label:	5 = Not applicable
Question 2:	Does the city have a law that applies to all alcohol sales, addresses public health and safety, and authorizes the city to close an alcohol retailer for failing to comply with the law?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 2:	SAS_Gold
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 3:	Does the city have a law that applies to some alcohol sales (such as only new retailers, or only retailers selling for off-premises consumption including grocery or convenience stores), addresses

	public health and safety, and authorizes the city to close an alcohol retailer for failing to comply with the law?
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 3:	SAS_Silver
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes