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CALIFORNIA CRIMES AND CLEARANCES FILE

Variable Information

Variable	Position	Measurement Level	Label
Year	1	Nominal	Year
County	2	Nominal	County
NCICCode	3	Nominal	Agency Code
Month	4	Nominal	Month
Violent_sum	5	Scale	Number of Violent Crimes
Homicide_sum	6	Scale	Number of Homicides
ForRape_sum	7	Scale	Number of Forcible Rapes
Robbery_sum	8	Scale	Number of Robberies
AggAssault_sum	9	Scale	Number of Aggravated Assaults
Property_sum	10	Scale	Number of Property Crimes
Burglary_sum	11	Scale	Number of Burglaries
VehicleTheft_sum	12	Scale	Number of Motor Vehicle Thefts
LTtotal_sum	13	Scale	Number of Larceny-Thefts
ViolentClr_sum	14	Scale	Number of Violent Crimes Cleared
HomicideClr_sum	15	Scale	Number of Homicides Cleared
ForRapeClr_sum	16	Scale	Number of Forcible Rapes Cleared
RobberyClr_sum	17	Scale	Number of Robberies Cleared
AggAssaultClr_sum	18	Scale	Number of Aggravated Assaults Cleared
PropertyClr_sum	19	Scale	Number of Property Crimes Cleared
BurglaryClr_sum	20	Scale	Number of Burglaries Cleared
VehicleTheftClr_sum	21	Scale	Number of Motor Vehicle Thefts Cleared
LTtotalClr_sum	22	Scale	Number of Larceny-Thefts Cleared
TotalStructural_sum	23	Scale	Arson: Number of Structural Properties
TotalMobile_sum	24	Scale	Arson: Number of Mobile Properties
TotalOther_sum	25	Scale	Arson: Number of Other Properties
GrandTotal_sum	26	Scale	Number of Arsons
GrandTotClr_sum	27	Scale	Number of Arsons Cleared
RAPact_sum	28	Scale	Rape by Force - Actual Offenses
ARAPact_sum	29	Scale	Attempted Rape - Actual Offenses
FROBact_sum	30	Scale	Robbery: Firearm - Actual offenses
KROBact_sum	31	Scale	Robbery: Knife or Cutting Instrument - Actual offenses
OROBact_sum	32	Scale	Robbery: Other Weapon - Actual offenses
SROBact_sum	33	Scale	Robbery: Strong-Arm - Actual offenses
HROBnao_sum	34	Scale	Robbery: Highway - Actual offenses
CHROBnao_sum	35	Scale	Robbery: Commercial House - Actual offenses
GROBnao_sum	36	Scale	Robbery: Gas Station - Actual offenses
CROBnao_sum	37	Scale	Robbery: Convenience Store - Actual offenses

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RROBnao_sum	38	Scale	Robbery: Residence - Actual offenses
BROBnao_sum	39	Scale	Robbery: Bank - Actual offenses
MROBnao_sum	40	Scale	Robbery: Miscellaneous - Actual offenses
FASSact_sum	41	Scale	Assault: Firearm - Actual offenses
KASSact_sum	42	Scale	Assault: Knife or Cutting Instrument - Actual offenses
OASSact_sum	43	Scale	Assault: Other Weapon - Actual offenses
HASSact_sum	44	Scale	Assault: Hands, Fist, Feet - Actual offenses
FEBURact_Sum	45	Scale	Burglary: Forcible Entry - Actual offenses
UBURact_sum	46	Scale	Burglary: No Force - Actual offenses
RESDBUR_sum	47	Scale	Burglary: Residence - Actual offenses
RNBURnao_sum	48	Scale	Burglary: Residence Night - Actual offenses
RDBURnao_sum	49	Scale	Burglary: Residence Day - Actual offenses
RUBURnao_sum	50	Scale	Burglary: Residence Unknown - Actual offenses
NRESBUR_sum	51	Scale	Burglary: Non-Residence - Actual offenses
NNBURnao_sum	52	Scale	Burglary: Non-Residence Night - Actual offenses
NDBURnao_sum	53	Scale	Burglary: Non-Residence Day - Actual offenses
NUBURnao_sum	54	Scale	Burglary: Non-Residence Unknown - Actual offenses
MVTact_sum	55	Scale	Automobiles Theft - Actual offenses
TMVTact_sum	56	Scale	Automobiles Theft: Trucks - Actual offenses
OMVTact_sum	57	Scale	Automobiles Theft: Other - Actual offenses
PPLARnao_sum	58	Scale	Larceny: Pocket-Picking - Actual offenses
PSLARnao_sum	59	Scale	Larceny: Purse-Snatching - Actual offenses
SLLARnao_sum	60	Scale	Larceny: Shoplifting - Actual offenses
MVLARnao_sum	61	Scale	Larceny: From Motor Vehicle - Actual offenses
MVPLARnao_sum	62	Scale	Larceny: Motor Vehicle Accessories - Actual offenses
BILARnao_sum	63	Scale	Larceny: Bicycles - Actual offenses
FBLARnao_sum	64	Scale	Larceny: From Building - Actual offenses
COMLARnao_sum	65	Scale	Larceny: Coin Operated Machines - Actual offenses
AOLARnao_sum	66	Scale	Larceny: All Others - Actual offenses
LT400nao_sum	67	Scale	Larceny-Theft: Over $400 - Actual offenses
LT200400nao_sum	68	Scale	Larceny-Theft: $200 to $400 - Actual offenses
LT50200nao_sum	69	Scale	Larceny-Theft: $50 to $199 - Actual offenses
LT50nao_sum	70	Scale	Larceny-Theft: Under $50 - Actual offenses

Variables in the working file

Computational Formulas

CRIMES

Crime rate – A crime rate describes the number of crimes reported to law enforcement agencies for every 100,000 persons within a population. A crime rate is calculated by dividing the number of reported crimes by the total population. The result is then multiplied by 100,000. For example, in 2012 there were 56,491 robberies in California and the population was 37,826,160. This equals a robbery crime rate of 149.3 per 100,000.

$$\frac{56{,}491}{37{,}826{,}160} = 0.0014934 \times 100{,}000 = 149.3$$

Clearance rate – A clearance rate describes the percentage of clearances reported to the number of crimes reported. A clearance rate is calculated by dividing the number of clearances by the number of crimes reported. The result is multiplied by 100. For example, in 2012 there were 1,118 clearances for homicide crimes and 1,878 homicides reported. This equals a homicide clearance rate of 59.5 percent.

$$\frac{1{,}118}{1{,}878} = 0.59531 \times 100 = 59.5 \text{ percent}$$

Data Limitations

- The number A crime is an act specifically prohibited by law, or failure to perform an act specifically required by law, for which punishment is prescribed (California Penal Code section 15).
- The eight crime offenses presented in this report were chosen because of their seriousness, frequency of occurrence, and likelihood of being reported to law enforcement. These offenses include homicide, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, motor vehicle theft, larceny-theft, and arson.
- If multiple crimes occur during the same event, only the most serious (based on hierarchy) is counted. Arson is the exception to this rule because arson frequently occurs in conjunction with other crimes. Therefore, it is felt that valuable information could be lost using the hierarchy rule. Arson is counted along with the other most serious offense.
- The number of reported homicide, forcible rape, and aggravated assault crimes represents known victims, while for robbery, burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson, the number represents known incidents.
- In 2011, California law raised the lower limit of felony theft from $400 to $950. As a result, the property crime category now includes all reported or "total" larceny-theft rather than only those valued at over $400. The property crime totals have been adjusted to reflect this change. Therefore, the data may appear inconsistent with previously reported data.

Agency-Specific Data Characteristics And Limitations:

- Reedley Community College and Fresno Community College merged in January 2010 and now report under State Center Community College.
- The Holtville Police Department did not report for January through December 2010.
- The Solano County Sheriff's Department did not report for May through December 2010, with the exception of homicides. All homicide crime reports were received and processed by reporting month.
- The Trinidad Police Department began contracting services with the Humboldt County Sheriff's Department in July 2010. The Trinidad Police Department's data for July through December 2010 are included in the Humboldt County Sheriff Department's reports.
- The San Carlos Police Department began contracting services with the San Mateo County Sheriff's Department in November 2010. The San Carlos Police Department's data for November and December 2010 are included in the San Mateo County Sheriff Department's reports.
- The McFarland Police Department began reporting data in January 2010.
- The Shasta County Marshal's Office began reporting data in January 2010.
- The Eastvale Police Department (Riverside County) began reporting in January 2011.
- The Jurupa Police Department (Riverside County) began reporting in July 2011.
- Prior to 2005, the Los Angeles Police Department had included child abuse and domestic violence simple assaults in its aggravated assault statistics.
- Data for the San Francisco County Sheriff's Department are reported by the San Francisco Police Department.
- Motor vehicle thefts are reported by the California Highway Patrol for the Calaveras, Contra Costa, El Dorado, Santa Cruz, Trinity, and Tulare county sheriff's departments. The only motor vehicle thefts reported by the El Dorado County Sheriff's Department are those in which motor vehicles were stolen during the commission of a burglary.