

ICPSR 6720

National Opinion Survey of Crime and Justice, 1995

Description

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Bibliographic Description

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Title: National Opinion Survey of Crime and Justice, 1995

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Scope of Study

Summary: The purpose of this survey was to provide legislators, public officials, and Texas residents with a reliable source of information about citizens' opinions and attitudes concerning crime and criminal justice related-topics. The data collection consists of two distinctly different files, National Data (Part 2) and Texas Data (Part 1), which can be linked or used separately for analysis. The survey questions concern neighborhood atmosphere and presentation of crime in the media, worries regarding possible attacks--both robbery and physical attacks, confidence in and opinions of police and their effectiveness, problems dealing with courts, and attitudes regarding prisoners and prisons, drug laws and drug problems, and juvenile gangs. Other questions focused on attitudes concerning the death penalty, guns, and the availability of firearms. The National Data file contains additional information expanding on the respondent's sources of crime news and gang-related questions. Demographic information on respondents includes sex, age, race, income, education, and religion.

Subject Term(s): attitudes, capital punishment, courts, crime, criminal justice system, drug law offenses, fear of crime, firearms, gangs, handguns, media coverage, neighborhoods, police effectiveness, prison inmates, prisons, public opinion

Geographic Coverage: Texas, United States

- Time Period: • 1995
- Date(s) of Collection: • June 2, 1995 - June 26, 1995
- Universe: Individuals in the continental United States with a telephone in their residence.
- Data Type: survey data

Methodology

- Sample: The survey employed a random sampling design. The response rate from Texans is 64% and 65% from the rest of the nation.
- Data Source: telephone interviews
- Extent of Processing: Standardized missing values.
Performed recodes and/or calculated derived variables.

Access and Availability

- Note: A list of the data formats available for this study can be found in the [summary of holdings](#). Detailed file-level information (such as record length, case count, and variable count) is listed in the [file manifest](#).
- Restrictions: In order to preserve respondent confidentiality, certain identifying variables are restricted from general dissemination. Aggregations of this information for statistical purposes that preserve the anonymity of individual respondents can be obtained from ICPSR in accordance with existing servicing policies.
- Original ICPSR Release: 1997-02-13
- Version History: The last update of this study occurred on 2005-11-04.
2005-11-04 - On 2005-03-14 new files were added to one or more datasets. These files included additional setup files as well as one or more of the following: SAS program, SAS transport, SPSS portable, and Stata system files. The metadata record was revised 2005-11-04 to reflect these additions.
- Dataset(s): • DS1: Texas Data

- DS2: National Data