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Overview

This data set is an updated version of previous editions of State Legislative Election Returns data (ICPSR studies #8907, #3938 and #21480). The dataset has been updated through 2010, and numerous errors and omissions in the previous editions have been corrected.

This data set contains information on state legislative election returns from 1967 through 2010. Each of the more than 300,000 observations refers to an individual candidate who ran for state legislative office. For some states before 1990, there are observations for candidates competing in primaries. For years after 1989, almost all observations are for general elections. Some observations in the dataset have missing values for one or more variables. Missing values for numeric variables are indicated by a period (.). Missing values for string variables are denoted by a blank field.

An effort was made for this edition to include all general elections that occurred between 1968 and 2010, but such elections in North Carolina in 1968 and Vermont from 1968 to 1984 are not covered. Some additional elections may still be missing. In earlier editions, some state legislative contests were not reported, especially for states in which uncontested elections were not put on the ballot (AR, FL (1970 and later), HI (1990 and later), LA (1979 and later), SD (1976 and 1978), and OK (1972 and later)), but there is now total coverage of such elections. For 177 elections, data are available only for the winner (173 of which are in NC from 1984 to 1990). These cases are identified in v43 with the code "incomplete election."

The data comes from five sources. The data from 1967 through 1989 comes from ICPSR Study #8907 (directed by Malcolm Jewell), as updated by William Berry and Thomas Carsey in ICPSR Study #3938. Most of the observations from 1990 through 2000 were provided by Richard Niemi, Lynda Powell, and James Snyder. A portion of the 2000 data and data for 2001 to 2003 were entered by research assistants working for Carsey and Berry. Data for 2004 to 2006 was provided by Carl Klarner, Richard Niemi and Lynda Powell, and that for 2007 to 2010 was collected from state Web sites by Carl Klarner. Improvements and corrections for all years were made by Carl Klarner in 2010-2011.

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[1] Carl Klarner collected the data for elections after 2006. Data for 2004 through 2006 were provided by Carl Klarner, Richard Niemi and Lynda Powell. Additionally, Klarner identified and corrected errors in the data for pre-2004 observations. The remaining authors are listed alphabetically, and were responsible for collecting and cleaning data in one or more previous versions of this data set: ICPSR studies 21480, 3938, and 8907.

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Citation

We would greatly appreciate receiving citation information for any papers or publications that make use of this data. Please send such information directly to both Carl Klarner (Carl.Klarner@indstate.edu) and Tom Carsey (carsey@unc.edu)

Finding and Reporting Errors in Data Set

With nearly a third of a million cases, errors undoubtedly remain. If you identify errors, please alert Carl Klarner, Indiana State University (Carl.Klarner@indstate.edu).

Data Entry Guidelines

Data entry for 1967-1989 was directed by Malcolm Jewell; we refer readers to the original codebook for ICPSR Study #8907. Of particular note: a total of 6,884 entries in this portion of the data have the word "SCATTERING" as the name of the candidate. In these cases, the vote totals for candidates were either very small or were reported in the original election returns as votes for unidentified candidates. No strict rule was employed regarding how to handle candidates who received very small vote totals. Furthermore, states differ in whether these small amounts are reported. However, all Democratic and Republican candidates were entered into the dataset regardless of their vote totals. Our belief is that the total number of votes cast would not be off by more than two percentage points.

For the data entered in 2002 and 2003, every name that appeared on the election returns was entered regardless of the vote total. We also encountered 737 cases in which the returns simply reported a number of votes going to write-in candidates. For these cases, v19 is coded as "WRITEIN." It cannot be determined whether these cases involved a single unnamed write-in candidate or multiple such candidates.

For 2009 to 2010, vote totals of scattered candidates were always collected if reported in the returns on official state Web sites. Examination of which states in those years reported scattered votes provides some guidance as to which states save these data.

Multiple Entries for Some Candidates

In some instances, the same candidate name appears more than once for the same race in the same district in the same year. This is routine in New York and Connecticut, but it is scattered across some other states as well (primarily in the 1967-1989 data set). In New York and Connecticut, the same candidate can be nominated by more than one party and will thus appear on the ballot more than once with each different party label, in a practice sometimes referred to as "fusion." Listing a candidate multiple times, once for each party that nominated him or her, permits users of the dataset to determine how many votes a candidate received from each party. If the user wants to analyze the total number of votes received by a candidate, the multiple entries need to be combined.

Candidate Names and Name Cleaning (v19, v38-v40, v44-v55)

The variables v19, v38 and v39 have candidates' full names. v38 is the name of the candidate as originally entered in the ICPSR data set #8907. It has observations for 1967 through 1989 only. v38 attempts to record the name as it appeared on the election returns or newspaper accounts used for ICPSR's original data gathering process for Study #8907. The name as recorded by ICPSR in v38 included a high percentage of cases in which an individual who

appears in the data set more than once had his/her name recorded differently across observations (e.g., Mary Jones & Mary S. Jones). These inconsistencies made it impossible to reliably track candidates over time using v38. v39 is the candidate name variable adjusted by Berry and Carsey for the prior release of the dataset so that each person who appears in the data set more than once has his/her name recorded in an identical manner across observations (this adjustment included fixing typographical errors that led to inconsistencies in names). This "clean" version of the candidate name variable exists for virtually all observations in the data set. A major portion of their work centered on the construction of v39 in order to provide a reliable indicator of whether each candidate in the data set appears elsewhere in the data set. Lastly, they did not compare names across states. Variable v40 is a dummy that indicates whether the name as recorded in v38 is identical to the name as recorded in v39, and applies only to the cases prior to 1990. A more detailed discussion of the name cleaning process is provided in the codebook for ICPSR Study #3938. In 2010-11, Klarner also engaged in a number of routines to check whether candidates across time in the earlier dataset were the same individual, and updated the names accordingly. Part of this process involved assigning the various name components of candidates (i.e., last names, first names) to separate variables. These name components can be found in variables v44 through v55. v19 is the variable containing the full name of a candidate for this version of the dataset. These entries were standardized over time so they are the same for all candidates who were judged to be the same individual. They are also unique to the individual they represent within one state. The name component variables (v44 through v55) were not standardized over time in an effort to preserve all information that went into judgments about which candidates were the same individual.

Variable Description

List of Variables in the Data Set

The variable names for this edition of the data set were changed from earlier editions. Appendix A below contains a conversion chart between the variable names of ICPSR #21480 and this version.

caseid	Unique Case Identification Number
v01	Number of State in Alphabetical List
v02	State postal Abbreviation
v03	State FIPS Code
v04	ICPSR State Code
v05	Year of Election
v06	Month of Election
v07	Senate or House
v08	District Name
v09	State Legislative District Number
v10a	District Post Position that Identifies a Geographic Locale
v10b	District Post Position That Identifies a Post in a Multimember District (MMD)
v10c	District Post Position That Identifies Both a Geographic Locale and a Post in a Multimember District
v10d	District Post Position That Identifies a Post in a Multimember District, Artificial
v10	Summary Post Position
v11	Concatenated District Identifier
v12	District Type
v13	Number of Winners for Position
v14	Length of Term by Law
v15	Actual Length of Term
v16	Election Type Code
v17	Election Determines a Sitting Legislator
v18	Unique Candidate ID Code
v19	Candidate's Full Standardized Name
v20	Detailed Party Code
v21	Simplified Party Code
v22	Incumbency Dummy (1=Incumbent, 0=Non-incumbent)
v23	Candidate's Vote Total
v24	Election Winner
v25	Number of Candidates in Election

v26 Number of Democrats in Election
v27 Number of Republicans in Election
v28 Number of Other Candidates in Election
v29 Total Votes Cast in Election
v30 Total Votes Cast for Democrats in Election
v31 Total Votes Cast for Republicans in Election
v32 Total Votes Cast for Others in Election
v33 Highest Vote Percentage in Election
v34 Second Highest Vote Percentage in Election
v35 Percent Margin of Victory
v36 Candidate's Percent of the Vote
v37 Difference between Candidate's Percentage and Winner's Percentage

Variables to Aid in Error Checking

v38 Candidate's Name Used in ICPSR #8907 (i.e., which covered 1967 to 1989)
v39 Candidate's Name Used in ICPSR #21480 (i.e., which covered 1967 to 2003)
v40 Dummy: Name Adjusted for ICPSR #21480 (1=Yes, 0=No)
v41 Information for Election is Incomplete
v42 Dummy: Uncertainty Exists for Some Data for This Case
v43 Specifies Variable There is Uncertainty About
v44 Last Name of Candidate
v45 First Name of Candidate
v46 First Middle Name Component of Candidate
v47 Second Middle Name Component of Candidate
v48 Third Middle Name Component of Candidate
v49 Fourth Middle Name Component of Candidate
v50 Nickname of Candidate
v51 Suffix of Candidate
v52 Prefix or Title of Candidate
v53 Number in Candidate's Name to Differentiate from Other Candidates
v54 Alternative Last Name for Candidate
v55 Type of Alternative Last Name Specified in v51 Above
v56 State Legislative District Number from ICPSR #21480
v57 State Legislative District Post Number from ICPSR #21480
v58 State Legislative District Name from ICPSR #21480

Detailed Description of Variables

caseid

This variable is a unique case identification number, and has no use other than to allow for the identification of a specific observation in the data set. For each case that was included in ICPSR #21480, this number is identical in this version.

v01 Number of state in alphabetical list. See Appendix B.

v02 State Postal Abbreviation

A string variable that records the two-letter state postal abbreviation for each state. See Appendix B.

v03 State FIPS Code

Records the FIPS code for each state, which is a common identifier for states used by the U. S. Census Bureau. See Appendix B.

v04 ICPSR state code (See ICPSR Study #8907 for details). See Appendix B.

v05 Year of the Election (1967 through 2010)

v06 Month of Election (1-12)

v07 Legislative Chamber

8 = State Senate / Upper House (and Unicameral in Nebraska)
9 = State Lower House

District identifiers: v08, v09, v10a, v10b, v10c, v10d, v10, and v11

Variable descriptions for all district identifiers must be read to understand any of them.

v08 Alphabetical component of district designation.

This variable is a string variable that records the name of a district. Several states use names or letters rather than numbers to identify specific districts. If a district is solely named with a number, this variable is coded as missing.

Some states have district names that are a mixture of a number (including the words "first," "second," etc., which are considered here as numbers) and an alpha component. In that case, the number is placed in either variable v09 or variable v10a, v10b, v10c or v10d as appropriate (see below), and the alpha portion of the district designation is placed in v08.

The following rules were observed to prevent a variety of problems and ease merging data from other sources. All letters in this variable are capitalized. If the alpha component of a name is comprised of two components (often two place names, e.g., "BRISTOL AND NORFOLK"), these are alphabetized with the exception of districts in Vermont, Wyoming and the Massachusetts Senate. The order of the alpha component of names is important in these instances (i.e., "BRISTOL AND NORFOLK" and "NORFOLK AND BRISTOL" are two distinct districts). District names with two components are connected with dashes in Vermont and the word "AND" in Massachusetts. The word "AND" was removed from such districts in the case of NV. Sometimes place names with two components were collapsed to clarify which subcomponents of a district's name are distinct place names. For example, "NORTH TAHOE RENO STOREY WASHOE" is represented by "NORTHTAHOE RENO STOREY WASHOE." There are only two non-letter components appearing in v08: the dashes mentioned above and spaces between words. Sometimes a district name was altered slightly from the reported district name to make the name identical to the same district in the same state. The Alaska Senate's alpha district names were not converted to numbers (i.e., district "A" was left as "A").

v09 District number

The district number for each office. Some states use names or letters to identify districts. In those cases, v09 is coded as missing.

Note: the second post of WV Sen #8 is referred to as #17 for this variable and does not have a v10 component. This district's second post designation is inconsistently reported in a variety of sources.

v10a Post position that identifies a geographic locale.

This is a numeric variable that identifies a specific "post" in a district for which a candidate ran. "Post" here refers only to the type of post that is nested geographically inside of a larger geographic area denoted by v08 or v09, for example a single-member district (SMD) with a letter designation after a district number (for example, Minnesota House districts 67A and 67B were nested inside of Senate district 67).

When such a post is denoted by a letter, this is converted into a number (A=1, B=2, etc.) and is put into this variable.

When a district does not use posts, a "." (a missing value sign) is put in.

v10b Multimember District (MMD) post position

This is a numeric variable that identifies a specific MMD post in a district for which a candidate ran. An example of this type of post is any Washington state House seat in 2008. This variable is non-missing only when v12 is equal to 2, 4, 6, 8 or 9 and is always non-missing when v12 is equal to 2 or 6.

When such a post is denoted by a letter, this is converted into a number (A=1, B=2, etc.) and is put into this variable.

When a district does not use posts, a "." (a missing value sign) is put in.

v10c Post positions that denote both an MMD post and a geographic locale.

v10d Artificial MMD-post position.

Post positions that did not exist for the actual district name in reality, but that were created for this dataset to differentiate between different post positions.

v10 Post position.

Summary code of post position. This combines the information given in v10a, v10b, v10c and v10d. It uses the following formula.
v10 = (v10a*100)+v10b+(v10c*10000)+v10d

Note: The above multiplication was done in the manner that it was so that a few districts that are distinct from each other and in different geographic locales in the same year would not have the same v10 codes.

v11 Concatenated District Identifier

This variable provides a way to uniquely identify every district (or post within a district, for districts including multiple posts) within a given chamber in a state. It was created in STATA/SE 11 using the following command:

egen v11=concat(v08 v09 v10)

v12 District type code

This numeric variable records the type of district in which the candidate ran.
1. Single-Member District
2. Multimember District with Positions / Posts
3. Multimember District Free-for-All
4. Multimember District Alternating Years (Staggered Terms), but only one seat up in that year.
5. Multimember District Alternating Years (Staggered Terms), but multiple seats up in that year, with posts.
6. Multimember District Alternating Years (Staggered Terms), but multiple seats up in that year, without posts.
7. Floterial District (Single-Member)
8. Floterial District (Multimember with Positions / Posts)
9. Floterial District (Multimember Free-for-All)
10. Multimember district with cumulative voting (this only includes the Illinois House in 1980 and before).

v13 Number of Winners for the position.

If this is a post-MMD district (v12=2), this variable is coded "1" as there is only one winner to that particular post. There are numerous cases where v16 is either coded "DP" or "RP" that are coded "0" in v13, as no attempt was made to correct codes for primary elections from the last edition. For Louisiana's two-round system, in the first round (v16=LAF), this variable is coded "1" if one candidate wins a majority of the vote outright, obviating the necessity of a second round. If a runoff occurred, a code of "0" is put in for cases in the first election round for this variable. Runoff elections in Louisiana (v16=LAR) are always coded "1."

v14 Length of Term

This variable records the length of the term, in years, for which a candidate is running. This variable is based on the normal expected term length for that particular seat at that particular time. For special elections, the term length is still recorded as the full length of the term for the seat being filled and not as the fraction of the term remaining. However, for instances where v16 is coded "SG," this variable is coded "2," and not "4."

v15 Actual Length of Term

This variable represents the number of years between the election represented by the case and either: 1) the next time the winning candidate is up for election after continuously serving in office; or 2) the time at which the winning candidate leaves office before their term is up for a small portion of cases that involved legislators leaving office early. For example, if a state senator leaves office after the second year of a four year term, and an election is held in November of the second year of the term, a "2" would be entered for this variable. Records of legislators leaving office early were unavailable for the vast majority of cases.

v16 Election Type code

DP. Democratic Party Primary (some of these are miscoded as "DPF")
DPF. Democratic Party Primary, First Round (where a runoff is possible)
DPR. Democratic Primary Runoff
G. General Election
GR. Runoff to resolve a general election (only two cases)
LAF. Louisiana Open Party Primary, First Round.
When a candidate was unopposed in Louisiana for the years 1979 to 2007, they are not put on the ballot. Such elections were given codes of "LAF."
LAR. Louisiana Open Party Primary Runoff.
When a candidate was unopposed in Louisiana for the year 1975, they were put on the ballot and run in the second round.
NPS: non-partisan special election, first round
NPSR: non-partisan special election, runoff
OP. Other Party Primary
OPR. Other Party Primary Runoff (not observed)
RP. Republican Party Primary (some of these are actually cases of "RPF")
RPF. Republican Party Primary, First Round (where a runoff is possible)
RPR. Republican Primary Runoff
S. Special Election
SF. Special election in which more than one candidate of a party can run. First round.
SG. Special election held concurrently with other general elections for the remainder of a term that wouldn't normally be up (i.e., a senate seat with a four year term has an election two years after the last election).
SSG. Special statewide general election. All seats in a chamber are up, but not at a normally scheduled time. Usually by court order.
SR. Special election in which more than one candidate of a party can run. Runoff.
UPF. Primary of unknown type (observed in LA in 1967 and 1971), first round. Probably either a Democratic or Republican primary.
UPR. Primary of unknown type (observed in LA in 1967 and 1971), runoff. Probably either a Democratic or Republican primary.

v17 Election whose winner goes to sit in the legislature at the beginning of the legislative session. Another way of thinking about this is that it is an election that contributes to the total number of seats that are normally scheduled to be up in the general election.

Dummy: if a candidate was running in a general election (v16=G) this variable is almost always coded "1." Very rarely, a special election (v16=S) will be coded "1" for this variable. That is the case when the election was used to fill a seat that was vacant because the results of a general election were indecisive (for example, if the normally

scheduled general election wasn't held because of a death, if the results of the general election were thrown out, or if there was a tied vote). For other cases this variable is coded "0."

For cases that represent the first round of an election in Louisiana from 1975 through present (v16=LAF), this variable is coded "1" when the first round did not result in a runoff and "0" when it did not. The second round of Louisiana elections (v16=LAR) are always coded "1."

v18 Unique identification number given to each candidate.

This variable was generated by taking the minimum of caseid for each individual.

v19 Full standardized candidate name

Combination of all name components in edition 6 (v44 through v53) for the first instance in which the candidate appears. ("First instance" means the first row of a new value of v18 when the data are sorted by v03 v18 v5 and v16.) "WRITEIN" indicates votes cast for candidates identified in the official returns only as write-ins.

v20 Detailed Party Code

This variable is a unique code assigned to each distinct party that ran a candidate in any given election. See Appendix C for a listing of ICPSR party codes. See Appendix D for party codes not included among the ICPSR party codes.

v21 Simplified Party Code

Party codes in v20 were reduced to one of seven codes. These codes sometimes did not merely take v20 codes and translate them, but required extra research. These codes are as follows.
100 = Democratic (includes instances where non-major parties fuse with a Democrat and the votes aren't reported separately)
200 = Republican (includes instances where non-major parties fuse with a Republican and the votes aren't reported separately)
300 = Fused Democratic and Republican (NH and VT, some CA and MA)
400 = non-major party / independent
500 = non-partisan election (i.e., Nebraska, Minnesota (1972 and before only), some special elections)
600 = write-in / scattering
700 = unidentified party

v22 Incumbency Dummy

This variable is coded "1" when the candidate is an incumbent and "0" otherwise.

For most elections, the variable measures whether a candidate was an elected incumbent. Candidates who appeared in one election, won that election, and then ran again in the next scheduled election for the same chamber were recorded as incumbents.

For the beginning years of a state in the dataset, the variable measures whether a candidate was listed as a state legislator in *Council of State Governments, Book of the States Supplement I: State Elected Officials and the Legislatures*, Lexington, KY: Council of State Governments (1967, 1969). These include all general elections in 1968 as well as the following states and years.
1969 House elections only: NJ and VA
1969 Senate and House elections: KY
1970 Senate elections only: AK, AR, CA, CO, HI (14 out of 25), IL, IN, IA, MI, MN, MO, MT, NE, NV, NM (16 out of 34), ND, OH, OK, OR (13 out of 16), PA, TX, UT, WA, WV (16 out of 17), WI, and WY.
1970 Senate and House elections: AL, MD, and NC
1971 Senate elections only: KY, NJ, and VA
1971 Senate and House elections: MS

1986 Senate and House elections: VT

Write-in candidates (v21=600) were not considered to be incumbents. Occasionally a voter writes in the name of an individual who is in fact an incumbent—but often the person is an incumbent in a neighboring district. Or a voter may write in the name of an incumbent who has retired. Calling these candidates incumbents would be problematic. For example, of the 161 write-in candidates who were coded as incumbents in the last edition of the dataset, 100 received less than ten votes. Very rarely, a case can be made that a write-in candidate constitutes a "serious candidate" and should thus be counted as an incumbent. Scholars can make their own decisions about this. However, note that someone who won as a write-in candidate—there are very few such individuals—and then runs for the same office again, is counted as an incumbent.

v23 Candidate's vote total

This numeric variable records the vote total received by the candidate for the party designated in v20. In other words, for instances where a candidate is running on multiple parties' lines, and where the votes cast for these separate parties for the same candidate are tabulated separately, only the vote total for that party is given for this variable.

v24 Election Outcome

This is a dummy variable that reports the outcome of the election for each particular candidate. The variable is coded "1" if the candidate won the election and "0" otherwise.

For Louisiana's two round elections, all candidates in a first round (v16=LAF) that was followed by a second round (i.e., a runoff) receive a code of "0" for this variable. The candidate winning the runoff is then coded "1" for that district's election for cases coded "LAR" for v16. When no runoff occurs, the candidate receiving more than 50% in the first round (v16=LAF) is given a code of "1." In the case of unopposed candidates, for the years 1979 to 2007, they are given a code of "LAF" for v16 (see above) and are coded "1" for this variable. In the case of unopposed candidates for 1975, they are given a code of "LAR" for v16 (see above) and are coded "1" for this variable.

Note: A tie in the Vermont House's Orleans 3 district in the 1986 election caused the two candidates who tied for second place to go to a special election. Therefore, although the district has two seats (an FFA MMD) only one candidate in that first round was coded as winning.

v25 Number of Candidates running in an election.

When a candidate ran under two or more different party names, such as in NH, NY and CT, s/he is counted only once for this variable. "An election" was defined as the set of cases sharing the same state, year, month, office, district, post and election type.

Write-in candidates are not counted for this variable. It does not make sense to count an election as contested because one person wrote "Mickey Mouse" on the ballot, as in Georgia's 44th House district in the 1980 general election. Furthermore, whether write-in candidates are reported is inconsistent from one state election administration to another, and is inconsistent over time and states in SLERs. Scholars can make their own decisions about which write-in candidates were serious enough to include in the total.

v26 Number of Democratic Candidates running in an election.

Candidates who are running as both a Democrat and a Republican on one line are counted towards this total. "An election" was defined as the set of cases sharing the same state, year, month, office, election type, and district identifier. Write-in Democratic candidates are not counted towards this total.

v27 Number of Republican Candidates running in an election.

Candidates who are running as both a Democrat and a Republican on one line are counted towards this total. "An election" was defined as the set of cases sharing the same state, year, month, office, election type, and district identifier. Write-in Republican candidates are not counted towards this total.

v28 Number of Other Candidates running in an election.

"Other candidates" include all non-major party candidates and candidates whose party is unknown. If a Democrat or Republican was also running on anther party's label, then that party is included in this total only if that party is listed on a separate line with a separate vote total from the major party. For example, say there are three candidates: one candidate running as a Democrat and a Liberal, one candidate running as a Republican, and one candidate running on the Right-To-Life ticket. There would therefore be two "other" candidates running according to this convention. When one candidate runs on the labels of two or more "other" parties, this is merely counted as one "other" party. "An election" was defined as the set of cases sharing the same state, year, month, office, district, post and election type. Write-in candidates are not counted towards this total.

v29 Total Votes cast in Election

v30 Total Votes cast for a Democrat in the Election.

When a Democratic candidate also ran under a different party name, only the votes received by that candidate under the Democratic Party label are counted, if these votes were tabulated separately. When votes for different party lines were not tabulated separately, all votes on a line that included the Democratic Party were counted towards the Democratic total. Votes cast for fused Democratic-Republicans (v21=300) were counted towards the Democratic total.

v31 Total Votes Cast for a Republican in the Election.

When a Republican candidate also ran under a different party name, only the votes received by that candidate under the Republican Party label are counted if these votes were tabulated separately. When votes for different party lines were not tabulated separately, all votes on a line that included the Republican Party were counted towards the Republican total. Votes cast for fused Democratic-Republicans (v21=300) were counted towards the Republican total.

v32 Total Votes Cast for Other Candidates in the Election (i.e., v29 – (v30 + v31)).

When Democrats and Republicans are running on the same line (v21=300), the formula (v29 – [(v30 + v31) – X]) was utilized (where X = the number of votes received by fused Democratic and Republican lines).

<u>v33-v37</u>

Each of these variables is created by comparing individual candidate vote totals to the total number of votes cast in a particular election.

These variables are coded as missing for Multimember Districts that involve a free-for-all aspect (v12 = 3, 6, 9 or 10). There are several ways some of these variables might be calculated for multimember districts. We refer interested readers to the following two papers for information on how others have approached this issue:

Niemi, Richard G., Simon Jackman, and Laura R. Winsky, 1991. "Candidacies and Competitiveness in Multimember Districts." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 16(1):91-109.

Berry, William D., Michael B. Berkman, and Stuart Schneiderman, 2000. "Legislative Professionalism and Incumbent Reelection: The Development of Institutional Boundaries." *American Political Science Review* 94(4): 859-74.

v33 Highest Percentage of Votes Received by a Candidate in the Election.

v34 Second Highest Percentage of Votes Received by a Candidate in the Election.

v35 Margin of Victory of Winner over Second-Place Finisher in the Election. This is computed by (v33-v34).

v36 Candidate's Percentage of Votes received in the Election.

This percentage is based on all votes received by the candidate in the election, divided by total votes. In other words, the numerator of this fraction is based on all votes received by the candidate from all parties the candidate ran on in the election, in the case of fusion candidates.

Winning candidates in uncontested elections are given 100% for this variable, except if that uncontested election involved an opposing write-in candidate.

v37 Differences between Candidate's Vote Percentage and the Winner's Percentage (v33-v36)

v38 Candidate's Name used in ICPSR #8907 (i.e., which covered 1967 to 1989)

v39 Candidate's Name used in ICPSR #21480 (i.e., which covered 1967 to 2003).

v40 Whether Candidate's Name was Adjusted between ICPSR #8907 and #21480.

v41 Information about election is incomplete.

Dummy: 1 = only the winning candidate of the election and that candidate's party is known. It is not known whether the election was uncontested or not, and the vote totals for the election are unknown. 0 = else.

v42 Uncertainty about some variable or variables for this case.

This variable denotes a case for which there is some uncertainty about at least one of the variables. If a user knows this information, they are requested to share it with the authors of this dataset.

1 = doubt exists about some aspect of a case's data.
0 = else.

v43 Code indicates what variable or variables uncertainty exists for.

Codes that denote what variable or variables doubt exists for are given in this variable. These codes are given below. More than one code may appear for one case.

district number = the district number might be wrong.
first name = the first name of the candidate might be wrong.
general problem = there is uncertainty about some aspect of the case, but it is not specified.
identity = the candidate might be the same person as another candidate who is currently coded as being a different person, or two candidates that are currently coded as being the same person might be different people.
incomplete election = only the winning candidate of the election and that candidate's party is known. It is not known whether the election was uncontested or not, and the vote totals for the election are unknown.
party = party of the candidate is in doubt or unknown.
winner status = whether the candidate won the election or not is in doubt.

v44 Last name of candidate.

v45 First name of candidate.

v46 Middle name of candidate.

v47 Extra middle name of candidate.

v48 Second extra middle name of candidate.

v49 Third extra middle name of candidate.

v50 Nickname of candidate.

v51 Suffix in name of candidate.

v52 Prefix or title in name of candidate.

v53 Number used to differentiate an individual from other individuals with the same name.

v54 Second component of a compound last name, or another last name that this candidate went by. Includes misspellings of the last name that were corrected.

v55 Code that explains why it was necessary to put an alternative last name into v54.
1 = last name is a compound last name. Includes both hyphenated last names, and last names with a space in them that may get accidentally broken up. Includes other last names that might get accidentally broken up into two parts.
2 = there is uncertainty about how the last name is spelled, and one of the two possible last name spellings was put in v54.
3 = the case is a companion to a case with a code of #2. A name wasn't put into v54 in this case.
4 = Same definition as code #1, but excluding hyphenated last names. Created later in the process, so some codes that should be 4 are 1.
5 = uncertainty about how the last name was spelled, and last name is from v38.
6 = alternative last name used by the candidate (such as a maiden name that was dropped)

v56 State legislative district number from ICPSR #21480.

This is the ICPSR #21480 variable named "v8" exactly as it appeared in that data set for the case in question.

v57 State legislative district post number from ICPSR #21480.

This is the ICPSR #21480 variable named "v9" exactly as it appeared in that data set for the case in question.

v58 State legislative district name from ICPSR #21480.

This is the ICPSR #21480 variable named "distname" exactly as it appeared in that data set for the case in question.

Appendix A: Key of Old (ICPSR #21480, covering 1967-2003) and New (1967-2010) Variable Numbers

Old Variable Name	New Variable Name
caseid	caseid
v1	dropped
v2	dropped
v3	dropped
v4	v18
v5	v04
v6	v05
v7	v07
v8	v09 / v56
v9	v10 / v57
v10	v12
v11	v16
v12	v06
v13	v23
v14	v20
v15	v22
v16	v38
v17	v25
v18	v26
v19	v27
v20	v28
v21	v13
v22	v29
v23	v30
v24	v31
v25	v32
v26	v33
v27	v34
v28	v35
v29	v36
v30	v37
v31	v24
v32	v19 / v39
v33	v40
v34	v02
v35	v03
distname	v08 / v58
distid	v11
termlength	v14

Appendix B: State Designation Codes (v01, v02, v03 and v04)

State	v01	v02	v03	v04
Alabama	1	AL	1	41
Alaska	2	AK	2	81
Arizona	3	AZ	4	61
Arkansas	4	AR	5	42
California	5	CA	6	71
Colorado	6	CO	8	62
Connecticut	7	CT	9	1
Delaware	8	DE	10	11
Florida	9	FL	12	43
Georgia	10	GA	13	44
Hawaii	11	HI	15	82
Idaho	12	ID	16	63
Illinois	13	IL	17	21
Indiana	14	IN	18	22
Iowa	15	IA	19	31
Kansas	16	KS	20	32
Kentucky	17	KY	21	51
Louisiana	18	LA	22	45
Maine	19	ME	23	2
Maryland	20	MD	24	52
Massachusetts	21	MA	25	3
Michigan	22	MI	26	23
Minnesota	23	MN	27	33
Mississippi	24	MS	28	46
Missouri	25	MO	29	34
Montana	26	MT	30	64
Nebraska	27	NE	31	35
Nevada	28	NV	32	65
New Hampshire	29	NH	33	4
New Jersey	30	NJ	34	12
New Mexico	31	NM	35	66
New York	32	NY	36	13
North Carolina	33	NC	37	47
North Dakota	34	ND	38	36
Ohio	35	OH	39	24
Oklahoma	36	OK	40	53
Oregon	37	OR	41	72
Pennsylvania	38	PA	42	14
Rhode Island	39	RI	44	5
South Carolina	40	SC	45	48
South Dakota	41	SD	46	37
Tennessee	42	TN	47	54
Texas	43	TX	48	49
Utah	44	UT	49	67
Vermont	45	VT	50	6
Virginia	46	VA	51	40
Washington	47	WA	53	73
West Virginia	48	WV	54	56
Wisconsin	49	WI	55	25
Wyoming	50	WY	56	68

Appendix C: ICPSR Party Codes

0001 Federalist
0013 Democrat-Republican
0100 Democrat
0112 Conservative
0200 Modern Republican
0310 American
0311 American and Republican
0328 Independent
0331 Independent Republican
0340 Populist
0341 People's
0361 Prohibition
0380 Socialist
0402 Liberal
0403 Law and Order
0404 Radical
0501 Labor
0505 Socialist Labor
0518 Free Trade
0526 Liberty
0543 Communist
0546 Independence
0557 Citizens
0570 Constitutional
0575 Reform
0609 New Party
0618 Independent Progressive
0637 Independent Socialist
0646 Socialist Workers
0657 The Third Party
0700 Square Deal
0706 Enf. All
0724 Independent Anti-Tax
0731 Independent Conservative
0745 Independent Citizens
0749 Republican - Democrat
0787 Independent Voters
0802 Your Party
0816 United Taxpayers
0817 Good Government
0846 Communist Labor Party, Socialist and Workingmens Party
0852 Veterans
0893 Independent Liberal
0894 Independent American
0898 Communist Labor
0908 Non Partisan
0912 Independent Non-Partisan
0967 Coalition
1025 Conservative Independent
1043 Independent Peoples Choice
1113 New Progressive
1186 People's Candidate, The
1210 Independent Tax Reform
1216 Democratic Independent
1239 People's Unity
1310 Taxation with Representation
1399 Independent League
1404 American Independent
1411 Peacea Freedom
1437 National Democratic Party of Alabama
1447 George Wallace Party
1453 Peoples Constitutional
1457 Essex Conservative Party
1462 Freedom and Peace
1467 Common Sense
1701 La Raza Unida
1703 Civil Service Independents
1704 Independent Alliance
1706 Right To Life
1708 Dodd Independent
1711 National Conservative Party
1716 Consumer
1717 Liberty Union
1718 Alabama Conservative
1721 Independent New Mexican
1735 Libertarian
1741 Human Rights
1761 Free Libertarian
1770 Politicians are Crooks
1776 United States Labor Party
2421 Jobs, Equality, Peace
2427 Concerned Citizens
2429 Bicentennial Reality
2432 Democratic Write-In
2441 Right to Die
2442 Independent Neighbors
2446 Alaskan Independence
2454 Tea Party 1978
2460 Down with Lawyers
2464 Worker's World
2467 No Slogan
2470 Action Talks
2471 People Before Profits
2475 No Party
2485 Taxpayers
2491 World Federalist
2495 New Alliance Party
2496 Unity
2497 Statewide Independent
2503 Tisch
2510 Socialist Party Of Iowa
2523 Fifth Independent
2527 Sixth Independent
2528 Seventh Independent
2534 Nomination by Petition #2
2550 Republican Write-In
2552 La Raza Write-In

2553 Democratic Republican Write-In
2554 Constitutional Write-In
2556 New District-New Party
2557 Colorado Independent Party
2558 Citizens for Perron
2559 Independent Government Committee
2560 Perrucci Slate
2561 Pacyna Party
2562 William Verriker Party
2563 James Tansley Party
2564 Conservative American
2565 Migliaro Independent
2566 Voice
2567 Voters
2568 Petitioning Candidate
2569 Bicentennial
2570 Connecticut Coalition
2571 Independent Coalition
2573 Impact
2574 Save Our Neighborhood
2575 Alternatives
2576 Libertarian, Tax Protester
2578 Citizens Party
2579 Solidarity
2580 Independent Voter
2582 Green
2583 The Best Candidate
2584 On
2585 Oak Tree Party
2586 Joe Viola
2587 George Stroman Community
2588 Citizens Group
2590 World Peace
2591 Emerson
2592 "1776 Party"
2594 Citizens Service
2595 Central Brooklyn Civic
2596 Working People
2597 Anti-Lu Lu
2598 Sewer Tax Opposition
2599 Proposition 13 Tax Revolt
2600 Spartacist
2601 Independent Action
2602 Proposition 13
2603 Inc. for Economy
2604 Tax Reform
2605 Unity Coalition
2606 No Reassessment
2607 Anti 100% Tax Assessment
2609 Workers World
2610 Big Apple Party
2611 Community Preservation
2612 Egalitarian Party
2615 First Party Independent
2616 Ratepayers against Lilco
2617 People against Crime
2618 Benchmark
2619 Socialist Worker
2620 Watervliet Citizens
2621 Justice
2622 Harlem Independent
2623 Heart
2624 Consumer Rights
2625 Citizens Action
2626 Farm and Labor
2627 Citizens Choice
2628 Troy Citizen's
2629 Home Ind.
2631 Unaffiliated American
2632 Upper Man. Apt. Build
2633 Vann Guard
2634 New
2636 Malcolm X
2637 Democrat and Republican
2638 183 Leg. Ind.
2639 Republican and Democrat Write-In
2640 Democrat and Republican Write-In
2641 Republican and Democrat
2642 Ind. Taxpayers
2643 New Frontier
2644 Elect Day Committee
2645 Working Independent
2646 Conservatives for Integ.
2647 People
2648 Friends of Randleman
2649 North Philadelphia Poli
2650 Independent Legislation
2651 Peoples Independent
2652 Lib. and New Alliance
2654 Concerned Citizens against Lilco
2655 Liberation Party
2656 Independent Legislature Party
2657 Stop Drug Abuse
2658 Act Tax Relief
2659 Experience Party
2660 Hudson Party
2661 Concerned Party
2662 Sever Tax Opposition
2663 Republican/Cal
2664 Pennsylvania for Larouche
2665 Citizens for Randleman
2667 Bilger for Representative
2668 Nominated By Petition
2670 Fight for Utilities
2671 New Dir
2672 Jones for Jackson
2674 Wm. Hoover
2675 Constitutional/American Independent
2676 Democratic/Youngman
2677 Republican/Constitutional
2678 Democratic/Constitutional
2679 Republican/Youngman

2680 Democratic/American Independent
2681 Andrew Dooley State Representative Party
2682 Second Independent
2683 Independent Write-In
2692 Republican/Independent
2693 Democrat/Constitutional/American Independent
2694 Raza
2696 Democrat-Farmer-Labor
2697 Third Independent
2698 Second Nominated By Petition
2699 Labor/Farm
2700 People against Lilco
2701 Don Deuster For Senator
2702 Christian Pro-Life
2703 Freedom Party
2704 Free for All
2705 Southern Illinois Equal Rights
2706 Fourth Independent
2707 Arthur L. Turner Party
2708 Juan M. Soliz Independent Party
2709 Citizens for Progressive Candidates
2710 Monica Faith Stewart Party
2712 Reform Party
2713 Progressive Party
2714 Citizens Party of Georgia
2715 Conservative Democratic Party
2717 United Independents
2718 Independent United Party
2719 For the People
2720 Individualist
2721 Abolish County Government
2722 Safe Sensible Economy
2723 Uncommitted and Unbossed
2724 Senate Independent
2725 Bull Moose Party
2726 Inflation Fighting Housewife
2727 Beam the Bomb
2728 Regular Organization
2729 Fair Tax Equalization
2730 Independence-Liberty-Objectivity
2731 Adult Consumer Taxpayer
2732 Independent Political Action
2733 Conservation-Recreation-Tourism
2734 People for People
2736 Louis H. Caldwell Party
2737 Citizens for Pouncey Taylor
2738 Good-Win Party
2739 Clarence B. Williamson Party
2740 Charles B. Gaines Party
2741 Raza Unida
2742 Grass Roots Organization
2743 United Peoples Party
2744 Independent Caucus
2745 Independent Political Concerns
2746 Second Democrat
2747 American Party of Georgia
2750 Libertarian Party of Georgia
2752 Americans for Erg
2753 Essex Bi-Partisan
2754 Unity-Victory-Progress
2755 Honesty-Efficiency-Decency
2756 Save Hudson County
2757 Nobody's Rubber Stamp
2758 Good Neighbor's Union
2759 No New Taxes
2760 Independent Candidate
2761 Lower Property Taxes
2762 Labor-Farm
2764 Dedicated, Honest, Unbossed
2765 The American Party
2766 Unity Movement
2767 My Brother's Keeper
2768 Citizens for Progress
2769 For Needed Change
2770 Equality for All
2771 Stop Transit Increases
2772 The Independent Voice
2773 Compulsory Education Law
2774 Community Comes First
2775 Experienced-Competent-Courageous
2776 Michael Harris Libertarian
2777 People's Needs First
2778 Pride-Responsibility
2779 Time for Change
2780 Jeffersonian Party
2781 Service to Mankind
2782 Economy-Honesty-Concern
2783 Independent Citizen
2784 Legalize Acupuncture Now
2785 No Income Tax
2786 Tax Revolt
2787 Independents in Government
2788 Taxpayer Independent
2789 The Community Speaks
2790 Restrain Tax League
2791 Independent Responsive Government
2792 Good Government Independent
2793 Tax Revolt Independent
2794 "For God's Sake"
2796 Very Independent Candidate
2797 Independent Non-Political Party
2798 Honesty-Integrity-Credibility
2799 Independents for Independence
2800 Re-Elect, Experience, Integrity
2801 Aid Mental Illness
2802 Independent "D"
2803 A Better Way
2804 Repeal Income Tax
2805 Let's Work Together
2806 Re-Elect Experience, Courage
2807 An Independent Choice
2808 Income Tax Referendum

2809 Anti-Tax Candidate
2810 Independent Progressive Conservative
2811 Independent Middle America
2812 Progressive Independents
2813 Against Tax Abuse
2814 Second Libertarian
2815 Free People Party
2816 Republican-Independent
2817 Peoples Party Independent
2818 Peoples Party
2819 Republican-Democratic
2820 Independent Libertarian
2821 Against Politicians Raises
2823 An Informed Independent
2825 Independent Consumer Advocate
2826 Social Justice Independent
2827 Inter-Dependent 3rd Party
2828 Representing Marshfield & Scituate
2829 Libertarian Write-In
2830 First New Mexican Party
2831 Sticker Candidate
2832 Stickers
2833 Equitable Representation
2834 Citizens for Lucco
2835 Republican Moderate
2837 American Majority
2838 Second Republican
2839 Policeman-Fireman-Condominium
2840 Independents 7th District
2841 True Justice
2842 Dedicated Hard Working
2843 Kemp-Roth Bill
2844 American Party of New Hampshire
2845 Tenants Taxpayers Party
2846 My Experience Counts
2847 Strengthen Your Government
2848 The People's Assemblyman
2849 Honesty-Integrity-Determination
2850 Proven Leadership
2851 Responsible Representation
2852 Independents
2853 Bergen Home Rule
2855 Independent and Republican
2856 Independent and Democrat
2857 United Party of Ind. Citizens
2858 N.H. Pro
2859 Allin Walker Party
2860 Third Republican
2861 Fourth Republican
2862 Third Democrat
2863 Fourth Democrat
2864 Fair Water Rates
2865 United Citizens
2866 The North Dakota New Party
2867 Trt
2868 Nomination Papers
2869 The Education Solution
2872 Future Party
2873 Leadership Party
2875 New Voice Party
2876 Citizens against Rising Electric Rates
2877 Vote Children '88
2878 Parents against Drug Abuse
2883 Individual
2884 Workers against Concessions
2897 Marie Goodlow Party
2898 Davis Community Action
2899 Colorado Populist Party
2900 Twenty K
2901 Bull Moose
2902 Jefferson Jackson Lincoln Association
2903 Unaffiliated Voters
2909 Reduce Insurance Rates
2910 Independent Conservative Radical
2911 Car Insurance Stinks
2912 Auto Insurance Reform
2913 Honest Politician
2915 Helene for Pittsburghers
2916 Mike Bunk Independent
9001-9997 Unidentified
9998 Major Party (?) Unidentified
9999 Scattering

Appendix D: Additional Party Codes

Party codes added to ICPSR codes.
3001 = Working Families Party
3002 =
3003 = 4th of July Party
3004 = 51I
3005 = ACP
3006 = BRS
3007 = Christian Center Party
3008 = Concerned Citizens
3009 = Connecticut for Lieberman
3010 = Constitution
3011 = CPF
3012 = CST
3013 = Cut Taxes Republican
3014 = Democrat/Progressive
3015 = Eliminate Primary Elections
3016 = Ethical Efficient Government
3017 = For Our Community
3018 = Get a Grip
3019 = Grassroots for Life
3020 = Green Rainbow
3021 = Independent Green
3022 = Independent Party of Delaware
3023 = Independent and Republican

3024 = Independent Democrat
3025 = Justice for Vermonters
3026 = Libertarian Republican
3027 = Liberty Union
3028 = MIP
3029 = Mountain
3030 = N
3031 = New Women Leadership
3032 = NOP
3033 = NP (Alaska)
3034 = NPA (Florida)
3035 = O
3036 = PET
3037 = Petitioning Candidate (CT)
3038 = Peace and Freedom
3039 = PG
3040 = Pro-Life Conservative
3041 = Progressive Democrat
3042 = Putting People First
3043 = The Blue Enigma Party
3044 = The Peoples' Choice
3045 = TFP
3046 = UNC
3047 = UST
3048 = Independent American Party
3049 = Natural Law
3051 = Constitutional Patriot
3052 = Ecology/Independence
3053 = Libertarian and Republican
3055 = Organic Life
3056 = Progressive / Democratic / Republican
3057 = Progressive / Democratic
3058 = Republican / Libertarian
3059 = Vermont Grassroots
3060 = Wingnut
3061 = Working For Vermont
3062 = Let Voters Decide
3063 = Progressive / Green
3064 = Take Back Vermont
3065 = M
3066 = MOD
3067 = No party listed on returns / or returns explicitly indicate that candidate is unaffiliated
3068 = A
3069 = F
3070 = FCB
3071 = FWJ
3072 = RA
3073 = WAI
3074 = WAID
3075 = Orange Taxpayers
3076 = A Connecticut Party
3077 = Tax
3078 = U.S. Taxpayers
3079 = Worker
3080 = Democrat and Libertarian, fused
3081 = Democrat, Republican, and Libertarian, fused
3082 = Green and Democrat, fused
3083 = Independent and Democrat, fused
3084 = Independent and Republican, fused
3085 = Independent, Democrat and Republican, fused
3086 = Libertarian and Democrat, fused
3087 = Libertarian and Republican, fused
3088 = Republican and Libertarian, fused
3089 = Republican, Democrat and Libertarian, fused
3090 = "third party"
3091 = ACT
3092 = AFD
3093 = America First Party
3094 = BFR
3095 = BIP
3096 = C
3097 = CRP
3098 = CUT
3099 = DBP
3100 = DG
3101 = E
3102 = EDU
3103 = ESL
3104 = F
3105 = FAR
3106 = FRE
3107 = FSP
3108 = Fusion
3109 = GFL
3110 = GNW
3111 = GRO
3112 = GRP
3113 = HFR
3114 = Honesty and Integrity
3115 = Independent Christian Pro-Life
3116 = Independent Small Government
3117 = LON
3118 = MOD
3119 = NAI
3120 = NCR
3121 = NLP
3122 = No party listed on returns, while most candidates have a party listed.
3123 = NPA
3124 = ONE
3125 = OTHER
3126 = P
3127 = PAC
3128 = PC
3129 = POI
3130 = Politicians are Crooks
3131 = PRO
3132 = Pro-life, conservative, veteran
3133 = PRT
3134 = QVA
3135 = RNY

3136 = RVC
3137 = S
3138 = SAV
3139 = SCH
3140 = SCP
3141 = SMA
3142 = Socialist Equality
3143 = SOS
3144 = SPT
3145 = SRH
3146 = STA
3147 = STO
3148 = STR
3149 = STV
3150 = TCN
3151 = TEP
3152 = The Fourth Branch
3153 = TPR
3154 = TWP
3155 = U
3156 = UNA
3157 = Unenrolled
3158 = UNP
3159 = UST
3160 = VET
3161 = VFC
3162 = VOP
3163 = VOT
3164 = VRT
3165 = WGR
3166 = WLB
3167 = NHT
3168 = Unspecified non-major party
3169 = Democrat and Working Families, fused
3170 = Progressive / Democratic / Working Family, fused
3171 = some type of Tea Party candidate
3172 = Republican / Working Families, fused

4001 = no party identified in the data
4002 = Nebraska non-partisan, and Minnesota non-partisan (1972 and before only for MN).
4003 = non-partisan by virtue of the fact that it is a non-partisan special election.
4004 = party unknown, and write-in status unknown. Could be a major party, could be a non-major party.
4005 = some type of non-major party candidate. In instances with this code, the evidence for this conclusion was because the candidate in question wasn't listed in either the Democratic or Republican primary.
4006 = combination of 4005 and 99997.
4007 = returns explicitly say that the candidate isn't affiliated with a party.
4008 = candidate assumed to be a non-major party candidate because no party was listed next to their name in the returns, and parties were generally listed for candidates in those returns.
4009 = candidate assumed to be a non-major party candidate because they were not listed in a list of candidates filing for the Democratic and Republican primaries.
4010 = candidate assumed to be a non-major party candidate because the candidate wasn't listed in the returns.
4011 = candidate received a code of "908" in SLERs, which could indicate a non-partisan election (i.e., Nebraska), but candidate is running in a state and year with partisan elections. Candidate was judged to be a non-major party candidate.
4012 = originally given a v14 code of 2668 (nominated by petition) but in a state and year with non-partisan elections.
Codes in the 60,000s: these were judged to be write-ins. The code follows the convention of adding the party code that was given to the case in the 5th edition to SLERs to 60,000. The decision to do this is based on the following considerations: 1) The candidate received ten or fewer votes in a general election. 2) The case exists in the 1967 to 1989 period, when write-in candidates were far more likely to be reported than in the later period. 3) There are only 33 candidates in the 1989 to 2010 period who received ten or fewer votes who weren't write-ins. 4) The candidates receiving "60,000 codes" were all clustered in NH, and clustered in a few years, indicating that their appearance was because of sporadic reporting practices, not surges in the number of candidates getting ten or fewer votes. 5) 130 of these 169 cases only involve one vote. 10 involve 2, 9 involve 3. 7) For other cases that seemed to be write-ins, where returns could be consulted, candidates consistently turned out to be write-ins. The NH returns were consulted, but they didn't say "write-in." My judgment is that this was a reporting problem.
70100 = party code was originally "200" but changed to "100." Evidence for decision: candidate switched parties twice in two succeeding elections, and Supplement #1 to the Book of the States indicates they never switched parties. Or the opposing major party candidate in the election, whose party code would be the same if the other candidate's party was switched, leading to two Democrats contesting one SMD, etc. A large proportion of candidates fitting these criteria were found to have the wrong party code when state specific returns were consulted, but such returns weren't available for this case. Other evidence used is too lengthy to relay here.
70200 = party code was originally "100" but changed to "200." For logic, see code 70100.

Codes that start with 80,000 follow the following conventions. All codes that start with 80,000 were judged to be write-in candidates.
1s place: 1 = candidate received a very small number of votes, 0 = did not receive a very small number of votes.
10s place: 1 = case originally had a missing party code. 2 = case originally had a minor party code. 3 = case originally had a major party code. 4 = case originally coded as "Democrat." 5 = case originally coded as "Republican."
100s place: 1 = district is fully contested with major-party candidates, 2 = district is over-contested with major-party candidates of the party the candidate in question was originally given.
1000s place: 1 = candidate in two places at the same time.
99983 = judged to be a write-in because candidate was in an "over-contested" election, and candidate didn't appear in the Democratic primary in consulted returns. Candidate originally coded as a Democrat.
99984 = assumed to be write-in because candidate was missing a party code in the original SLERs database and the candidate in question was running in two places at the same time, and the candidate in question received far fewer votes than in the other district.
99985 = assumed to be a write-in because the candidate is running in another district at the same time where they are receiving many more votes than in this district, and furthermore, in this district they are getting a very small number of votes.
99986 = assumed to be write-in because candidate was missing a party code in the original SLERs database and one of the following conditions was satisfied, except in the case of being in a state-year in which 1) there are lots of fusion lines or 2) where it is known that a lot of major party candidates are missing their party labels. 1) candidate received less than 200 votes AND less than 3% of total votes cast in the election, or 2) candidate received less than 1% of the total vote.
99987 = write-in, non-major party. Evidence: candidate appears in other districts and a very small number of votes are obtained by the candidate in this election.
99988 = Republican and Democratic write-in. Assumed to be so, because 1) the election is "over-contested" with Democrats, and 2) the line has a very low vote total. Was previously coded as simply R&D or D&R in SLERs.
99989 = Republican write-in. Just because the vote total is below 10. Not an over-contested election. Was previously coded as 200 in SLERs.
99990 = Democratic write-in. Just because the vote total is below 10. Not an over-contested election. Was previously coded as 100 in SLERs.
99991 = Republican write-in. Assumed to be so, because 1) the election is "over-contested" with Republicans, and 2) the line has a very low vote total. Was previously coded as 200 in SLERs.
99992 = Democratic write-in. Assumed to be so, because 1) the election is "over-contested" with Democrats, and 2) the line has a very low vote total. Was previously coded as 100 in SLERs.
99993 = known to be non-major party from returns, but party not specified, and party not one of the parties with a code in v14.
99994 = combination of code "99995" and "99997."
99995 = assumed to be non-major party candidate because it was given a party code that didn't have a reported value in the ICPSR codebook, but other candidates (52 or so) with that same code were found to be non-major party candidates. Only 11 candidates.
99996 = candidate received ten or fewer votes and it was assumed that the candidate was a write-in candidate. Had a missing party code in ICPSR #21480.
99997 = Assumed to be a non-major party candidate because the election is "fully contested," and no party designation was given to this candidate in the prior database. "Fully contested" means that the number of winners in the district or post is equal to both the number of Democrats and the number of Republicans.
99998 = non-major party candidate, but party not specified
99999 = Write-in (codes 2683 and 9999 were also used).

Appendix E-1: Maine House of Representatives 1968 and 1970 District Designation Codes

Maine State representative returns for 1968 & 1970 were not reported by consecutive district numbers but by cities within each county. A district numbering system was imposed on these returns as follows. Note that ICPSR District 41 is composed of different cities for 1968 & 1970.

ICPSR District Number	Maine Cities (by County)
	Androscoggin County
1	Lewiston
2	Auburn
3	Durham, Lisbon
4	Livermore, Livermore Falls, Turner
5	Mechanic Falls, Minot, Poland
6	Greene, Leeds, Wales, Webster
	Aroostook County
7	Caribou
8	Houlton
9	Presque Isle
10	Limestone
11	Easton, Fort Fairfield
12	Amity, Bancroft, Benedicta,Crystal, Haynesville, Hodgdon, Island Falls, Linneus, New Limerick, Orient, Sherman, Weston, Cary Pl., Glenwood Pl., Macwahoc Pl., Reed Pl.
13	Blaine, Bridgewater, Dyer Brook, Hersey, Littleton, Ludlow, Merrill, Monticello, Oakfield, Smyrna, Plantation E, Hammond Pl., Moro Pl.
14	Ashland, Castle Hill, Chapman, Mars Hill, Masardis, Westfield, Garfield Pl., Nashville Pl., Oxbow Pl.
15	Mapleton, New Sweden, Perham, Wade, Washburn, Woodland, Westmanland Pl.
16	Eagle Lake, Portage Lake, St. Agatha St. Fracis, Allagash Pl., New Canada Pl, St. John Pl., Wallagrass Pl., Winterville Pl.
17	Fort Kent, Frenchville
18	Grand Isle, Madawaska
19	Stockholm, Van Buren, Caswell Pl., Cyr Pl., Hamlin Pl.
	Cumberland County
20	Portland
21	South Portland
22	Westbrook
23	Brunswick
24	Scarborough
25	Falmouth
26	Cape Elizabeth
27	Gorham
28	Windham
29	Bridgton, Casco, Harrison, Naples, Otisfield
30	Baldwin, New Gloucester, Raymond, Sebago, Standish
31	Cumberland, Gray
32	Harpswell, Yarmouth
33	Freeport, North Yarmouth, Pownal
	Franklin County
34	Chesterville, Jay, New Sharon, Wilton
35	Carthage, Farmington, Industry, New Vineyard, Temple, Weld
36	Avon, Eustis, Kingfield, Madrid, Phillips, Rangeley, Strong, Coplin Pl., Dallas Pl., Rangeley Pl., Sandy River Pl.
	Hancock County
37	Brooklin, Brooksville, Castine, Deer Isle, Sedgwick, Stonington, Swan's Island, Long Island Pl.
38	Bucksport, Dedham, Orland, Penobscott, Verona
39	Blue Hill, Ellsworth, Surry
40	Bar Harbor, Cranberry Isles, Mount Desert, Southwest Harbor, Tremont
41 (1968)	Amherst, Aurora, Eastbrook, Franklin, Gouldsboro, Hancock, Lamoine, Mariaville, Otis, Sorrento, Sullivan, Trenton, Waltham, Winter Harbor, Osborn Pl., Plantation No. 33
41 (1970)	Amherst, Aurora, Eastbrook, Franklin, Gouldsboro, Hancock, Lamoine, Mariaville, Otis, Sorrento, Sullivan, Trenton, Waltham, Winter Harbor, Great Pond Pl., Osborn Pl.
	Kennebec County
42	Augusta
43	Waterville
44	Gardiner
45	Winslow
46	Albion, Benton, Clinton, Sidney
47	China, Pittston, Vassalboro, Windsor
48	Chelsea, Farmingdale, Randolph
49	Hallowell, Litchfield, Manchester, West Gardiner
50	Monmouth, Readfield, Wayne, Winthrop

51 Belgrade, Fayette, Mount Vernon, Oakland, Rome, Vienna

Knox County

52 Rockland

53 Cushing, Friendship, Isle Au Haut, North Haven, Owls Head, St. George, South Thomaston, Vinalhaven, Matinicus Isle Pl.

54 Camden, Hope, Rockport

55 Appleton, Thomaston, Union, Warren, Washington

Lincoln County

56 Jefferson, Nobleboro, Waldoboro, Whitefield, Monhegan Pl., Somerville Pl.

57 Boothbay, Boothbay Harbor, Southport, Westport, Wiscasset

58 Alna, Bremen, Bristol, Damariscotta , Dresden Edgecomb, Newcastle, South Bristol

Oxford County

59 Rumford

60 Mexico

61 Buckfield, Canton, Dixfield, Hartford, Peru, Sumner

62 Hebron, Paris, West Paris, Woodstock

63 Norway, Oxford, Waterford

64 Brownfield, Denmark, Fryeburg, Hiram, Lovell, Porter, Stow, Sweden

65 Andover, Bethel, Byron, Gilead, Greenwood, Hanover, Newry, Roxbury, Stoneham, Upton, Lincoln Pl, Magalloway Pl.

Penobscot County

66 Bangor

67 Brewer

68 Old Town

69 Millinocket

70 Corinna, Exeter, Newport, Stetson

71 Hampden, Newburgh

72 Carmel, Dixmont, Etna, Hermon, Levant, Plymouth

73 Dexter, Garland

74 Alton, Bradford, Charleston, Corinth, Edinburg, Glenburn, Hudson, Kenduskeag, Veazie

75 Clifton, Eddington, Holden, Orrington

76 Orono

77 Bradley, Enfield, Howland, Lagrange Maxfield, Milford, Seboeis Pl.

78 Lincoln

79 Burlington, Chester, Greenbush, Greenfield, Indian Island Voting District, Lee, Lowell, Mattawamkeag, Passadumkeag, Springfield, Winn Woodville, Carroll Pl., Drew Pl., Grand Falls Pl., Lakeville Pl., Prentiss Pl., Webster Pl.

80 East Milinocket, Medway, Patten, Stacyville, Mount Chase Pl.

Piscataquis County

81 Abbot, Greenville, Guilford, Monson, Shirley, Wellington, Willimantic, Blanchard Pl., Elliottsville Pl., Kingsbury Pl.

82 Atkinson, Bowerbank, Brownville, Medford, Milo, Sebec, Barnard Pl., Lake View Pl.

83 Dover-Foxcroft, Parkman, Sangerville Sagadahoc County

84 Bath

85 Bowdoin, Bowdoinham, Georgetown, Richmond, West Bath

86 Arrowsic, Phippsburg, Topsham, Woolwich

Somerset County

87 Skowhegan

88 Fairfield

89 Canaan, Detroit, Palmyra, Pittsfield

90 Athens, Bingham, Cambridge, Harmony, Hartland, Moscow, Ripley, St. Albans, Brighton Pl.

91 Cornville, Madison, Mercer, Norridgewock, Smithfield

92 Anson, Embden, Jackman, Moose River, New Portland, Solon, Starks, Caratunk Pl., Dennistown Pl., Highland Pl., Pleasant Ridge Pl., The Forks Pl., West Forks Pl.

Waldo County

93 Belfast

94 Belmont, Freedom, Islesboro, Knox, Liberty, Lincolnville, Montville, Morrill, Northport, Palermo, Searsmont

95 Brooks, Burnham, Jackson, Monroe, Swanville, Thorndike, Troy, Unity, Waldo

96 Frankfort, Prospect, Searsport, Stockton Springs, Winterport

Washington County

97 Addison, Beals, Beddington, Centerville, Cherryfield, Columbia, Columbia Falls, Deblois, Harrington, Milbridge, Steuben, Whitneyville

98 East Machias, Jonesboro, Jonesport, Machias, Machiasport, Marshfield, Northfield, Roque Bluffs, Wesley

99 Cooper, Crawford, Cutler, Dennysville, Lubec, Pembroke, Whiting,

Plantation No. 14
100 Alexander, Charlotte, Danforth, Eastport, Indian Township Voting District, Meddybemps, Perry, Pleasant Point Voting District, Robbinston, Talmadge, Topsfield, Vanceboro, Waite, Codyville Pl., Grand Lake Stream Pl., Plantation No. 21
101 Baileyville, Calais, Princeton, Baring Pl.

York County
102 Biddeford
103 Sanford
104 Saco
105 Kittery
106 Kennebunk
107 Old Orchard Beach
108 York
109 Eliot, South Berwick
110 North Berwick, Wells
111 Acton, Berwick, Lebanon
112 Alfred, Arundel, Kennebunkport, Lyman
113 Buxton, Dayton, Hollis, Limington
114 Cornish, Limerick, Newfield, Parsons-Field, Shapleigh, Waterboro

Appendix E-2: Maine House of Representatives 1972 District Designation Codes

Maine State representative returns for 1972 were not reported by consecutive district numbers but by cities within each county. A district numbering system was imposed on these returns as follows.

ICPSR
District Number
Maine Cities (by County)

Androscoggin County
1 Lewiston
2 Auburn
3 Durham, Lisbon
4 Livermore, Livermore Falls, Turner
5 Mechanic Falls, Minot, Poland
6 Greene, Leeds, Wales, Sabattus

Aroostook County
7 Caribou
8 Houlton
9 Presque Isle
10 Limestone
11 Easton, Fort Fairfield
12 Amity, Bancroft, Benedicta, Crystal, Haynesville, Hodgdon, Island Falls, Linneus, New Limerick, Orient, Sherman, Weston, Cary Pl., Glenwood Pl., Macwahoc Pl., Reed Pl.
13 Blaine, Bridgewater, Dyer Brook, Hersey, Littleton, Ludlow, Merrill, Monticello, Oakfield, Smyrna, Plantation E, Hammond Pl., Moro Pl.
14 Ashland, Castle Hill, Chapman, Mars Hill, Masardis, Westfield, Garfield Pl., Nashville Pl., Oxbow Pl..
15 Mapleton, New Sweden, Perham, Wade, Washburn, Woodland, Westmanland Pl.
16 Eagle Lake, Portage Lake, St. Agatha St. Fracis, Allagash Pl., New Canada Pl., St. John Pl., Wallagrass Pl., Winterville Pl.
17 Fort Kent, Frenchville
18 Grand Isle, Madawaska, St. Agatha, Sinclair, T17, R4 District
19 Stockholm, Van Buren, Caswell Pl., Caswell, Connor District, Cyr Pl., Hamlin Pl.

Cumberland County
20 Portland
21 South Portland
22 Westbrook
23 Brunswick
24 Scarborough
25 Falmouth
26 Cape Elizabeth
27 Gorham
28 Windham
29 Bridgton, Casco, Harrison, Naples, Otisfield
30 Baldwin, New Gloucester, Raymond, Sebago, Standish
31 Cumberland, Gray
32 Harpswell, Yarmouth
33 Freeport, North Yarmouth, Pownal

Franklin County
34 Chesterville, Jay, New Sharon, Wilton
35 Carthage, Farmington, Industry, New Vineyard, Temple, Weld
36 Avon, Carrabassett Valley, Eustis, Kingfield, Madrid, Phillips, Rangeley Strong, Coplin Pl., Dallas Pl., Rangeley Pl., Sandy River Pl.

Hancock County

37 Brooklin, Brooksville, Castine, Deer Isle, Sedgwick, Stonington, Swan's Island, Long Island Pl.
38 Bucksport, Dedham, Orland, Penobscott, Verona
39 Blue Hill, Ellsworth, Surry
40 Bar Harbor, Cranberry Isles, Mount Desert, Southwest Harbor, Tremont
41 Amherst, Aurora, Eastbrook, Franklin, Gouldsboro, Hancock, Lamoine, Mariaville, Otis, Sorrento, Sullivan, Trenton, Waltham, Winter Harbor, Great Pond Pl., Osborn Pl.

Kennebec County
42 Augusta
43 Waterville
44 Gardiner
45 Winslow
46 Albion, Benton, Clinton, Sidney
47 China, Pittston, Vassalboro, Windsor
48 Chelsea, Farmingdale, Randolph
49 Hallowell, Litchfield, Manchester, West Gardiner
50 Monmouth, Readfield, Wayne, Winthrop
51 Belgrade, Fayette, Mount Vernon, Oakland, Rome, Vienna

Knox County
52 Rockland
53 Cushing, Friendship, Isle Au Haut, North Haven, Owls Head, St. George, South Thomaston, Vinalhaven, Matinicus Isle Pl.
54 Camden, Hope, Rockport
55 Appleton, Thomaston, Union, Warren, Washington

Lincoln County
56 Jefferson, Nobleboro, Waldoboro, Whitefield, Monhegan Pl., Somerville Pl.
57 Boothbay, Boothbay Harbor, Southport, Westport, Wiscasset
58 Alna, Bremen, Bristol, Damariscotta Dresden, Edgecomb, Newcastle, South Bristol

Oxford County
59 Rumford
60 Mexico
61 Buckfield, Canton, Dixfield, Hartford, Peru, Sumner
62 Hebron, Paris, West Paris, Woodstock
63 Norway, Oxford, Waterford
64 Brownfield, Denmark, Fryeburg, Hiram, Lovell, Porter, Stow, Sweden
65 Andover, Bethel, Byron, Gilead, Greenwood, Hanover, Newry, Roxbury, Stoneham, Upton, Lincoln Pl., Magalloway Pl.

Penobscot County
66 Bangor
6 Brewer
68 Old Town
69 Millinocket
70 Corinna, Exeter, Newport, Stetson
71 Hampden, Newburgh
72 Carmel, Dixmont, Etna, Hermon, Levant, Plymouth
73 Dexter, Garland
74 Alton, Bradford, Charleston, Corinth, Edinburg, Glenburn, Hudson, Kenduskeag, Veazie
75 Clifton, Eddington, Holden, Orrington
76 Orono
77 Bradley, Enfield, Howland, Lagrange Maxfield, Milford, Seboeis Pl.
78 Lincoln
79 Burlington, Chester, Greenbush, Greenfield, Indian Island Voting District, Lee, Lowell, Mattawamkeag, Passadumkeag, Springfield, Winn Woodville, Carroll Pl., Drew Pl., Grand Falls Pl., Lakeville Pl., Prentiss Pl., Webster Pl.
80 East Milinocket, Medway, Patten, Stacyville, Mount Chase Pl.

Piscataquis County
81 Abbot, Greenville, Guilford, Monson, Shirley, Wellington, Willimantic, Blanchard Pl., Elliottsville Pl., Kingsbury Pl.
82 Atkinson, Bowerbank, Brownville, Medford, Milo, Sebec, Barnard Pl., Lake View Pl.
83 Dover-Foxcroft, Parkman, Sangerville
Sagadahoc County
84 Bath
85 Bowdoin, Bowdoinham, Georgetown, Richmond, West Bath
86 Arrowsic, Phippsburg, Topsham, Woolwich

Somerset County
87 Skowhegan
88 Fairfield
89 Canaan, Detroit, Palmyra, Pittsfield
90 Athens, Bingham, Cambridge, Harmony, Hartland, Moscow, Ripley, St. Albans, Brighton Pl.
91 Cornville, Madison, Mercer, Norridgewock, Smithfield
92 Anson, Embden, Jackman, Moose River,

New Portland, Solon, Starks,
Caratunk Pl., Dennistown Pl.,
Highland Pl., Pleasant Ridge Pl.,
The Forks Pl., West Forks Pl.

Waldo County

93 Belfast

94 Belmont, Freedom, Islesboro, Knox,
Liberty, Lincolnville, Montville,
Morrill, Northport, Palermo, Searsmont

95 Brooks, Burnham, Jackson, Monroe,
Swanville, Thorndike, Troy, Unity, Waldo

96 Frankfort, Prospect, Searsport,
Stockton Springs, Winterport

Washington County

97 Addison, Beals, Beddington,
Centerville, Cherryfield, Columbia,
Columbia Falls, Deblois, Harrington,
Milbridge, Steuben, Whitneyville

98 East Machias, Jonesboro, Jonesport,
Machias, Machiasport, Marshfield,
Northfield, Roque Bluffs, Wesley

99 Cooper, Crawford, Cutler, Dennysville,
Lubec, Pembroke, Whiting,
Plantation No. 14

100 Alexander, Charlotte, Danforth,
Eastport, Indian Township Voting
District, Meddybemps, Perry,
Pleasant Point Voting District,
Robbinston, Talmadge, Topsfield,
Vanceboro, Waite, Codyville Pl.,
Grand Lake Stream Pl., Plantation No. 21

101 Baileyville, Calais, Princeton, Baring Pl.

York County

102 Biddeford

103 Sanford

104 Saco

105 Kittery

106 Kennebunk

107 Old Orchard Beach

108 York

109 Eliot, South Berwick

110 North Berwick, Wells

111 Acton, Berwick, Lebanon

112 Alfred, Arundel, Kennebunkport, Lyman

113 Buxton, Dayton, Hollis, Limington

114 Cornish, Limerick, Newfield,
Parsonsfield, Shapleigh, Waterboro

Data Completeness Report

Notes: (1) Variables are individually listed only if they have greater than 5% missing data. These variables are listed under the appropriate percentage category in the order in which they appear in the data file. (2) The Data Completeness Report only captures information about system missing or other values that are declared missing. Codes that have a label implying that they are missing but that are not declared missing values are not reflected in this report. Data users should consult the codebook for more specific information about missing values. (3) Some variables that have 100% missing data may have been blanked by ICPSR to protect respondent confidentiality. Data users should consult the codebook for more specific information about blanked variables. (4) Data do not contain skip patterns or skip patterns are not reflected in the data as coded.

Table 1: Distribution of Variables by Percentage of Missing Values

Variable Name and Label (Total Cases = 308125)		Percent of Cases with Missing Values
63.5% (40 of 63 variables)	have 0% Missing Values	
6.3% (4 of 63 variables)	have 0% - 1% Missing Values	
9.5% (6 of 63 variables)	have 1% - 3% Missing Values	
0.0% (0 of 63 variables)	have 3% - 5% Missing Values	
0.0% (0 of 63 variables)	have 5% - 10% Missing Values	
7.9% (5 of 63 variables)	have 10% - 20% Missing Values	
V33	Highest vote Percentage in Election	18.4%
V34	Second Highest vote Percentage in Election	18.4%
V35	Percent Margin of victory	18.4%
V37	Difference between Candidate's Percentage and Winner's Percentage	18.4%
V56	State Legislative District Number from ICPSR #21480	16.4%
1.6% (1 of 63 variables)	have 20% - 40% Missing Values	
V57	State Legislative District Post Number from ICPSR #21480	29.9%
11.1% (7 of 63 variables)	have 40% - 99% Missing Values	
V10A	District Post Position that Identifies a Geographic Locale	96.5%
V10B	District Post Position That Identifies a Post in a Multimember District (MMD)	94.9%
V10C	District Post Position That Identifies Both a Geographic Locale and a Post in a Multimember District	100.0%
V10D	District Post Position That Identifies a Post in a Multimember District, Artificial	100.0%
V10	Summary Post Position	91.5%
V40	Dummy: Name Adjusted for ICPSR #21480 (1=Yes, 0=No)	43.7%
V55	Type of Alternative Last Name Specified in v51 Above	99.8%
0.0% (0 of 63 variables)	have 100% missing values	

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Variable Description and Frequencies

Note: Frequencies displayed for the variables are not weighted. They are purely descriptive and may not be representative of the study population. Please review any sampling or weighting information available with the study.

Summary statistics (minimum, maximum, mean, median, and standard deviation) may not be available for every variable in the codebook. Conversely, a listing of frequencies in table format may not be present for every variable in the codebook either. However, all variables in the dataset are present and display sufficient information about each variable. These decisions are made intentionally and are at the discretion of the archive producing this codebook.

State Legislative Election Returns (1967-2010)

CASEID	Unique Case Identification Number

Location: 1-6 (width: 6; decimal: 0)

Variable Type: numeric

Question: This variable is a unique case identification number, and has no use other than to allow for the identification of a specific observation in the data set. For each case that was included in ICPSR #21480, this number is identical in this version.

Based upon 308125 valid cases out of 308125 total cases.

V01	Number of State in Alphabetical List

Location: 7-8 (width: 2; decimal: 0)

Variable Type: numeric

Question: Number of state in alphabetical list.

Notes: See Appendix B.

Value	*Label*	*Unweighted Frequency*	*%*
1	Alabama	4690	1.5 %
2	Alaska	2586	0.8 %
3	Arizona	3468	1.1 %
4	Arkansas	4426	1.4 %
5	California	5574	1.8 %
6	Colorado	3508	1.1 %
7	Connecticut	8734	2.8 %
8	Delaware	2146	0.7 %
9	Florida	7824	2.5 %
10	Georgia	12968	4.2 %
11	Hawaii	2482	0.8 %
12	Idaho	4156	1.3 %
13	Illinois	6270	2.0 %
14	Indiana	5148	1.7 %
15	Iowa	5801	1.9 %
16	Kansas	5664	1.8 %
17	Kentucky	5920	1.9 %
18	Louisiana	5819	1.9 %
19	Maine	8263	2.7 %
20	Maryland	5758	1.9 %
21	Massachusetts	8504	2.8 %
22	Michigan	6720	2.2 %
23	Minnesota	7947	2.6 %
24	Mississippi	4575	1.5 %
25	Missouri	11579	3.8 %
26	Montana	5121	1.7 %

Value	*Label*	*Unweighted Frequency*	*%*
27	Nebraska	1174	0.4 %
28	Nevada	2454	0.8 %
29	New Hampshire	16221	5.3 %
30	New Jersey	5136	1.7 %
31	New Mexico	3221	1.0 %
32	New York	18473	6.0 %
33	North Carolina	6158	2.0 %
34	North Dakota	5109	1.7 %
35	Ohio	5148	1.7 %
36	Oklahoma	6542	2.1 %
37	Oregon	4002	1.3 %
38	Pennsylvania	9617	3.1 %
39	Rhode Island	5445	1.8 %
40	South Carolina	5352	1.7 %
41	South Dakota	4192	1.4 %
42	Tennessee	7896	2.6 %
43	Texas	10179	3.3 %
44	Utah	4309	1.4 %
45	Vermont	4556	1.5 %
46	Virginia	5671	1.8 %
47	Washington	5238	1.7 %
48	West Virginia	8010	2.6 %
49	Wisconsin	5460	1.8 %
50	Wyoming	2911	0.9 %

Based upon 308125 valid cases out of 308125 total cases.

- Mean: 26.23
- Median: 26.00
- Mode: 32.00
- Minimum: 1.00
- Maximum: 50.00
- Standard Deviation: 13.54

V02	**State postal Abbreviation**
Location:	9-10 (width: 2; decimal: 0)
Variable Type:	character
Question:	A string variable that records the two-letter state postal abbreviation for each state.
Notes:	See Appendix B.

Value	*Unweighted Frequency*	*%*
AK	2586	0.8 %
AL	4690	1.5 %
AR	4426	1.4 %
AZ	3468	1.1 %
CA	5574	1.8 %
CO	3508	1.1 %
CT	8734	2.8 %
DE	2146	0.7 %
FL	7824	2.5 %
GA	12968	4.2 %
HI	2482	0.8 %
IA	5801	1.9 %
ID	4156	1.3 %
IL	6270	2.0 %
IN	5148	1.7 %
KS	5664	1.8 %
KY	5920	1.9 %
LA	5819	1.9 %
MA	8504	2.8 %
MD	5758	1.9 %
ME	8263	2.7 %
MI	6720	2.2 %
MN	7947	2.6 %
MO	11579	3.8 %
MS	4575	1.5 %
MT	5121	1.7 %
NC	6158	2.0 %
ND	5109	1.7 %
NE	1174	0.4 %
NH	16221	5.3 %
NJ	5136	1.7 %
NM	3221	1.0 %
NV	2454	0.8 %
NY	18473	6.0 %
OH	5148	1.7 %
OK	6542	2.1 %
OR	4002	1.3 %
PA	9617	3.1 %
RI	5445	1.8 %
SC	5352	1.7 %

Value	*Unweighted Frequency*	*%*
SD	4192	1.4 %
TN	7896	2.6 %
TX	10179	3.3 %
UT	4309	1.4 %
VA	5671	1.8 %
VT	4556	1.5 %
WA	5238	1.7 %
WI	5460	1.8 %
WV	8010	2.6 %
WY	2911	0.9 %

Based upon 308125 valid cases out of 308125 total cases.

V03 **State FIPS Code**

Location: 11-12 (width: 2; decimal: 0)

Variable Type: numeric

Question: Records the FIPS code for each state, which is a common identifier for states used by the U. S. Census Bureau.

Notes: See Appendix B.

Value	*Label*	*Unweighted Frequency*	*%*
1	Alabama	4690	1.5 %
2	Alaska	2586	0.8 %
4	Arizona	3468	1.1 %
5	Arkansas	4426	1.4 %
6	California	5574	1.8 %
8	Colorado	3508	1.1 %
9	Connecticut	8734	2.8 %
10	Delaware	2146	0.7 %
12	Florida	7824	2.5 %
13	Georgia	12968	4.2 %
15	Hawaii	2482	0.8 %
16	Idaho	4156	1.3 %
17	Illinois	6270	2.0 %
18	Indiana	5148	1.7 %
19	Iowa	5801	1.9 %
20	Kansas	5664	1.8 %
21	Kentucky	5920	1.9 %
22	Louisiana	5819	1.9 %
23	Maine	8263	2.7 %

Value	*Label*	*Unweighted Frequency*	*%*
24	Maryland	5758	1.9 %
25	Massachusetts	8504	2.8 %
26	Michigan	6720	2.2 %
27	Minnesota	7947	2.6 %
28	Mississippi	4575	1.5 %
29	Missouri	11579	3.8 %
30	Montana	5121	1.7 %
31	Nebraska	1174	0.4 %
32	Nevada	2454	0.8 %
33	New Hampshire	16221	5.3 %
34	New Jersey	5136	1.7 %
35	New Mexico	3221	1.0 %
36	New York	18473	6.0 %
37	North Carolina	6158	2.0 %
38	North Dakota	5109	1.7 %
39	Ohio	5148	1.7 %
40	Oklahoma	6542	2.1 %
41	Oregon	4002	1.3 %
42	Pennsylvania	9617	3.1 %
44	Rhode Island	5445	1.8 %
45	South Carolina	5352	1.7 %
46	South Dakota	4192	1.4 %
47	Tennessee	7896	2.6 %
48	Texas	10179	3.3 %
49	Utah	4309	1.4 %
50	Vermont	4556	1.5 %
51	Virginia	5671	1.8 %
53	Washington	5238	1.7 %
54	West Virginia	8010	2.6 %
55	Wisconsin	5460	1.8 %
56	Wyoming	2911	0.9 %

Based upon 308125 valid cases out of 308125 total cases.

- Mean: 30.14
- Median: 30.00
- Mode: 36.00
- Minimum: 1.00
- Maximum: 56.00
- Standard Deviation: 14.57

V04 **ICPSR State Code**

Location: 13-14 (width: 2; decimal: 0)
Variable Type: numeric
Question: ICPSR State Code
Notes: (See ICPSR Study #8907 for details). See Appendix B.

Value	*Label*	*Unweighted Frequency*	*%*
1	Connecticut	8734	2.8 %
2	Maine	8263	2.7 %
3	Massachusetts	8504	2.8 %
4	New Hampshire	16221	5.3 %
5	Rhode Island	5445	1.8 %
6	Vermont	4556	1.5 %
11	Delaware	2146	0.7 %
12	New Jersey	5136	1.7 %
13	New York	18473	6.0 %
14	Pennsylvania	9617	3.1 %
21	Illinois	6270	2.0 %
22	Indiana	5148	1.7 %
23	Michigan	6720	2.2 %
24	Ohio	5148	1.7 %
25	Wisconsin	5460	1.8 %
31	Iowa	5801	1.9 %
32	Kansas	5664	1.8 %
33	Minnesota	7947	2.6 %
34	Missouri	11579	3.8 %
35	Nebraska	1174	0.4 %
36	North Dakota	5109	1.7 %
37	South Dakota	4192	1.4 %
40	Virginia	5671	1.8 %
41	Alabama	4690	1.5 %
42	Arkansas	4426	1.4 %
43	Florida	7824	2.5 %
44	Georgia	12968	4.2 %
45	Louisiana	5819	1.9 %
46	Mississippi	4575	1.5 %
47	North Carolina	6158	2.0 %
48	South Carolina	5352	1.7 %
49	Texas	10179	3.3 %
51	Kentucky	5920	1.9 %
52	Maryland	5758	1.9 %

Value	*Label*	*Unweighted Frequency*	*%*
53	Oklahoma	6542	2.1 %
54	Tennessee	7896	2.6 %
56	West Virginia	8010	2.6 %
61	Arizona	3468	1.1 %
62	Colorado	3508	1.1 %
63	Idaho	4156	1.3 %
64	Montana	5121	1.7 %
65	Nevada	2454	0.8 %
66	New Mexico	3221	1.0 %
67	Utah	4309	1.4 %
68	Wyoming	2911	0.9 %
71	California	5574	1.8 %
72	Oregon	4002	1.3 %
73	Washington	5238	1.7 %
81	Alaska	2586	0.8 %
82	Hawaii	2482	0.8 %

Based upon 308125 valid cases out of 308125 total cases.

- Mean: 35.36
- Median: 37.00
- Mode: 13.00
- Minimum: 1.00
- Maximum: 82.00
- Standard Deviation: 21.98

V05 **Year of Election**

Location: 15-18 (width: 4; decimal: 0)
Variable Type: numeric
Question: Year of Election
Notes: (1967 through 2010)

Value	*Unweighted Frequency*	*%*
1967	493	0.2 %
1968	13040	4.2 %
1969	884	0.3 %
1970	14290	4.6 %
1971	2123	0.7 %
1972	14934	4.8 %
1973	944	0.3 %
1974	15555	5.0 %

Value	*Unweighted Frequency*	*%*
1975	2409	0.8 %
1976	14242	4.6 %
1977	981	0.3 %
1978	14794	4.8 %
1979	1955	0.6 %
1980	13762	4.5 %
1981	946	0.3 %
1982	15823	5.1 %
1983	2214	0.7 %
1984	13338	4.3 %
1985	435	0.1 %
1986	15109	4.9 %
1987	1773	0.6 %
1988	13671	4.4 %
1989	485	0.2 %
1990	11113	3.6 %
1991	1325	0.4 %
1992	11969	3.9 %
1993	473	0.2 %
1994	11278	3.7 %
1995	1202	0.4 %
1996	11388	3.7 %
1997	486	0.2 %
1998	10986	3.6 %
1999	1025	0.3 %
2000	11167	3.6 %
2001	452	0.1 %
2002	12126	3.9 %
2003	1137	0.4 %
2004	10805	3.5 %
2005	334	0.1 %
2006	11198	3.6 %
2007	1212	0.4 %
2008	10632	3.5 %
2009	457	0.1 %
2010	13160	4.3 %

Based upon 308125 valid cases out of 308125 total cases.

- Mean: 1987.58
- Median: 1986.00

- Mode: 1982.00
- Minimum: 1967.00
- Maximum: 2010.00
- Standard Deviation: 12.59

V06 **Month of Election**

Location: 19-20 (width: 2; decimal: 0)
Variable Type: numeric
Question: Month of Election
Notes: (1-12)

Value	*Unweighted Frequency*	*%*
1	58	0.0 %
2	516	0.2 %
3	175	0.1 %
4	370	0.1 %
5	8900	2.9 %
6	2515	0.8 %
7	5	0.0 %
8	14878	4.8 %
9	7448	2.4 %
10	3134	1.0 %
11	268821	87.2 %
12	642	0.2 %
. (M)	663	0.2 %

Based upon 307462 valid cases out of 308125 total cases.

- Mean: 10.55
- Median: 11.00
- Mode: 11.00
- Minimum: 1.00
- Maximum: 12.00
- Standard Deviation: 1.36

V07 **Senate or House**

Location: 21-21 (width: 1; decimal: 0)
Variable Type: numeric
Question: District identifiers: v08, v09, v10a, v10b, v10c, v10d, v10, and v11.
Notes: Variable descriptions for all district identifiers must be read to understand any of them.

Value	*Label*	*Unweighted Frequency*	*%*
8	State Senate Upper House (and Unicameral in Nebraska)	63115	20.5 %

Value	*Label*	*Unweighted Frequency*	*%*
9	State Lower House	245010	79.5 %

Based upon 308125 valid cases out of 308125 total cases.

- Mean: 8.80
- Median: 9.00
- Mode: 9.00
- Minimum: 8.00
- Maximum: 9.00
- Standard Deviation: 0.40

V08 **District Name**

Location: 22-61 (width: 40; decimal: 0)

Variable Type: character

Question: This variable is a string variable that records the name of a district.

Notes: Several states use names or letters rather than numbers to identify specific districts. If a district is solely named with a number, this variable is coded as missing. For additional notes, see the Original P.I. Documentation in the ICPSR Codebook.

Based upon 308125 valid cases out of 308125 total cases.

V09 **State Legislative District Number**

Location: 62-64 (width: 3; decimal: 0)

Variable Type: numeric

Question: The district number for each office.

Notes: Some states use names or letters to identify districts. In those cases, v09 is coded as missing. Note: the second post of WV Sen #8 is referred to as #17 for this variable and does not have a v10 component. This district's second post designation is inconsistently reported in a variety of sources.

Based upon 302598 valid cases out of 308125 total cases.

- Mean: 41.97
- Median: 31.00
- Mode: 1.00
- Minimum: 1.00
- Maximum: 203.00
- Standard Deviation: 37.11

V10A **District Post Position that Identifies a Geographic Locale**

Location: 65-66 (width: 2; decimal: 0)

Variable Type: numeric

Question: This is a numeric variable that identifies a specific "post" in a district for which a candidate ran.

Notes: "Post" here refers only to the type of post that is nested geographically inside of a larger geographic area denoted by v08 or v09, for example a single-member district (SMD) with a letter designation

after a district number (for example, Minnesota House districts 67A and 67B were nested inside of Senate district 67). When such a post is denoted by a letter, this is converted into a number (A=1, B=2, etc.) and is put into this variable. When a district does not use posts, a "." (a missing value sign) is put in.

Value	*Unweighted Frequency*	*%*
1	4441	1.4 %
2	4535	1.5 %
3	555	0.2 %
4	276	0.1 %
5	145	0.0 %
6	126	0.0 %
7	116	0.0 %
8	112	0.0 %
9	91	0.0 %
10	69	0.0 %
11	54	0.0 %
12	19	0.0 %
13	32	0.0 %
14	25	0.0 %
15	18	0.0 %
16	27	0.0 %
17	28	0.0 %
18	15	0.0 %
. (M)	297441	96.5 %

Based upon 10684 valid cases out of 308125 total cases.

- Mean: 2.25
- Median: 2.00
- Mode: 2.00
- Minimum: 1.00
- Maximum: 18.00
- Standard Deviation: 2.31

V10B	**District Post Position That Identifies a Post in a Multimember District (MMD)**
Location:	67-68 (width: 2; decimal: 0)
Variable Type:	numeric
Question:	This is a numeric variable that identifies a specific MMD post in a district for which a candidate ran.
Notes:	An example of this type of post is any Washington state House seat in 2008. This variable is non-missing only when v12 is equal to 2, 4, 6, 8 or 9 and is always non-missing when v12 is equal to 2 or 6. When such a post is denoted by a letter, this is converted into a number (A=1, B=2, etc.) and is put into this variable. When a district does not use posts, a "." (a missing value sign) is put in.

Value	*Unweighted Frequency*	*%*
1	6033	2.0 %
2	6126	2.0 %
3	1504	0.5 %
4	736	0.2 %
5	520	0.2 %
6	240	0.1 %
7	106	0.0 %
8	72	0.0 %
9	68	0.0 %
10	34	0.0 %
11	47	0.0 %
12	25	0.0 %
13	21	0.0 %
14	16	0.0 %
15	13	0.0 %
16	7	0.0 %
17	7	0.0 %
18	12	0.0 %
19	3	0.0 %
20	3	0.0 %
. (M)	292532	94.9 %

Based upon 15593 valid cases out of 308125 total cases.

- Mean: 2.19
- Median: 2.00
- Mode: 2.00
- Minimum: 1.00
- Maximum: 20.00
- Standard Deviation: 1.80

V10C	**District Post Position That Identifies Both a Geographic Locale and a Post in a Multimember District**
Location:	69-69 (width: 1; decimal: 0)
Variable Type:	numeric
Question:	District Post Position That Identifies Both a Geographic Locale and a Post in a Multimember District
Notes:	Post positions that denote both an MMD post and a geographic locale.

Value	*Unweighted Frequency*	*%*
1	7	0.0 %
2	6	0.0 %

Value	*Unweighted Frequency*	*%*
3	5	0.0 %
4	3	0.0 %
. (M)	308104	100.0 %

Based upon 21 valid cases out of 308125 total cases.

- Mean: 2.19
- Median: 2.00
- Mode: 1.00
- Minimum: 1.00
- Maximum: 4.00
- Standard Deviation: 1.08

V10D **District Post Position That Identifies a Post in a Multimember District, Artificial**

Location: 70-70 (width: 1; decimal: 0)

Variable Type: numeric

Question: District Post Position That Identifies a Post in a Multimember District, Artificial

Notes: Artificial MMD-post position. Post positions that did not exist for the actual district name in reality, but that were created for this dataset to differentiate between different post positions.

Value	*Unweighted Frequency*	*%*
1	13	0.0 %
2	13	0.0 %
. (M)	308099	100.0 %

Based upon 26 valid cases out of 308125 total cases.

- Mean: 1.50
- Median: 1.50
- Minimum: 1.00
- Maximum: 2.00
- Standard Deviation: 0.51

V10 **Summary Post Position**

Location: 71-75 (width: 5; decimal: 0)

Variable Type: numeric

Question: Summary code of post position.

Notes: This combines the information given in v10a, v10b, v10c and v10d. It uses the following formula. v10 = (v10a*100)+v10b+(v10c*10000)+v10d Note: The above multiplication was done in the manner that it was so that a few districts that are distinct from each other and in different geographic locales in the same year would not have the same v10 codes.

Value	*Unweighted Frequency*	*%*
1	6027	2.0 %
2	6121	2.0 %
3	1504	0.5 %
4	736	0.2 %
5	520	0.2 %
6	240	0.1 %
7	106	0.0 %
8	72	0.0 %
9	68	0.0 %
10	34	0.0 %
11	47	0.0 %
12	25	0.0 %
13	21	0.0 %
14	16	0.0 %
15	13	0.0 %
16	7	0.0 %
17	7	0.0 %
18	12	0.0 %
19	3	0.0 %
20	3	0.0 %
100	4434	1.4 %
101	3	0.0 %
102	4	0.0 %
200	4517	1.5 %
201	9	0.0 %
202	9	0.0 %
300	555	0.2 %
400	276	0.1 %
500	133	0.0 %
501	7	0.0 %
502	5	0.0 %
600	126	0.0 %
700	116	0.0 %
800	112	0.0 %
900	91	0.0 %
1000	69	0.0 %
1100	54	0.0 %
1200	19	0.0 %
1300	32	0.0 %
1400	25	0.0 %

Value	*Unweighted Frequency*	*%*
1500	18	0.0 %
1600	27	0.0 %
1700	28	0.0 %
1800	15	0.0 %
10000	7	0.0 %
20000	6	0.0 %
30000	5	0.0 %
40000	3	0.0 %
. (M)	281838	91.5 %

Based upon 26287 valid cases out of 308125 total cases.

- Mean: 110.15
- Median: 3.00
- Mode: 2.00
- Minimum: 1.00
- Maximum: 40000.00
- Standard Deviation: 708.34

V11 **Concatenated District Identifier**

Location: 76-287 (width: 212; decimal: 0)

Variable Type: character

Question: This variable provides a way to uniquely identify every district (or post within a district, for districts including multiple posts) within a given chamber in a state.

Notes: It was created in STATA/SE 11 using the following command: egen v11=concat(v08 v09 v10)

Based upon 308125 valid cases out of 308125 total cases.

V12 **District Type**

Location: 288-289 (width: 2; decimal: 0)

Variable Type: numeric

Question: This numeric variable records the type of district in which the candidate ran.

Value	*Label*	*Unweighted Frequency*	*%*
1	Single-Member District	238484	77.4 %
2	Multimember District with Positions Posts	15293	5.0 %
3	Multimember District Free-for-All	49390	16.0 %
4	Multimember District Alternating Years (Staggered Terms), but only one seat up in that year	1651	0.5 %
5	Multimember District Alternating Years (Staggered Terms), but multiple seats up in that year, with posts	95	0.0 %
6	Multimember District Alternating Years (Staggered Terms), but multiple seats up in that year, without posts	273	0.1 %

Value	*Label*	*Unweighted Frequency*	*%*
7	Floterial District (Single-Member)	676	0.2 %
8	Floterial District (Multimember with Positions Posts)	246	0.1 %
9	Floterial District (Multimember Free-for-All)	281	0.1 %
10	Multimember district with cumulative voting (this only includes the Illinois House in 1980 and before)	1733	0.6 %
. (M)	-	3	0.0 %

Based upon 308122 valid cases out of 308125 total cases.

- Mean: 1.47
- Median: 1.00
- Mode: 1.00
- Minimum: 1.00
- Maximum: 10.00
- Standard Deviation: 1.09

V13 **Number of Winners for Position**

Location: 290-291 (width: 2; decimal: 0)

Variable Type: numeric

Question: Number of Winners for Position

Notes: If this is a post-MMD district (v12=2), this variable is coded "1" as there is only one winner to that particular post. There are numerous cases where v16 is either coded "DP" or "RP" that are coded "0" in v13, as no attempt was made to correct codes for primary elections from the last edition. For Louisiana's two-round system, in the first round (v16=LAF), this variable is coded "1" if one candidate wins a majority of the vote outright, obviating the necessity of a second round. If a runoff occurred, a code of "0" is put in for cases in the first election round for this variable. Runoff elections in Louisiana (v16=LAR) are always coded "1."

Value	*Unweighted Frequency*	*%*
0	6283	2.0 %
1	249966	81.1 %
2	25037	8.1 %
3	12321	4.0 %
4	5016	1.6 %
5	2569	0.8 %
6	1837	0.6 %
7	880	0.3 %
8	920	0.3 %
9	600	0.2 %
10	502	0.2 %
11	841	0.3 %
12	532	0.2 %
13	595	0.2 %

Value	*Unweighted Frequency*	*%*
14	166	0.1 %
15	60	0.0 %

Based upon 308125 valid cases out of 308125 total cases.

- Mean: 1.40
- Median: 1.00
- Mode: 1.00
- Minimum: 0.00
- Maximum: 15.00
- Standard Deviation: 1.39

V14 **Length of Term by Law**

Location: 292-292 (width: 1; decimal: 0)

Variable Type: numeric

Question: This variable records the length of the term, in years, for which a candidate is running.

Notes: This variable is based on the normal expected term length for that particular seat at that particular time. For special elections, the term length is still recorded as the full length of the term for the seat being filled and not as the fraction of the term remaining. However, for instances where v16 is coded "SG," this variable is coded "2," and not "4."

Value	*Unweighted Frequency*	*%*
1	339	0.1 %
2	255881	83.0 %
3	911	0.3 %
4	50860	16.5 %
5	134	0.0 %

Based upon 308125 valid cases out of 308125 total cases.

- Mean: 2.33
- Median: 2.00
- Mode: 2.00
- Minimum: 1.00
- Maximum: 5.00
- Standard Deviation: 0.75

V15 **Actual Length of Term**

Location: 293-293 (width: 1; decimal: 0)

Variable Type: numeric

Question: This variable represents the number of years between the election represented by the case and either: 1) the next time the winning candidate is up for election after continuously serving in office;

or 2) the time at which the winning candidate leaves office before their term is up for a small portion of cases that involved legislators leaving office early.

Notes: For example, if a state senator leaves office after the second year of a four year term, and an election is held in November of the second year of the term, a "2" would be entered for this variable. Records of legislators leaving office early were unavailable for the vast majority of cases.

Value	*Unweighted Frequency*	*%*
1	1505	0.5 %
2	256138	83.1 %
3	1209	0.4 %
4	49139	15.9 %
5	134	0.0 %

Based upon 308125 valid cases out of 308125 total cases.

- Mean: 2.32
- Median: 2.00
- Mode: 2.00
- Minimum: 1.00
- Maximum: 5.00
- Standard Deviation: 0.74

V16 Election Type Code

Location: 294-297 (width: 4; decimal: 0)

Variable Type: character

Question: Election Type Code

Notes: See Original P.I. Documentation in the ICPSR Codebook for full value labels.

Value	*Unweighted Frequency*	*%*
DP	24408	7.9 %
DPF	912	0.3 %
DPR	2402	0.8 %
G	265874	86.3 %
GR	2	0.0 %
LAF	3354	1.1 %
LAR	723	0.2 %
NPS	46	0.0 %
NPSR	16	0.0 %
OP	13	0.0 %
RP	7993	2.6 %
RPF	12	0.0 %
RPR	236	0.1 %
S	512	0.2 %

Value	*Unweighted Frequency*	*%*
SF	182	0.1 %
SG	450	0.1 %
SR	65	0.0 %
SSG	925	0.3 %

Based upon 308125 valid cases out of 308125 total cases.

V17 **Election Determines a Sitting Legislator**

Location: 298-298 (width: 1; decimal: 0)

Variable Type: numeric

Question: Election whose winner goes to sit in the legislature at the beginning of the legislative session.

Notes: Another way of thinking about this is that it is an election that contributes to the total number of seats that are normally scheduled to be up in the general election. For the complete note, see Original P.I. Documentation in the ICPSR Codebook.

Value	*Unweighted Frequency*	*%*
0	38847	12.6 %
1	269278	87.4 %

Based upon 308125 valid cases out of 308125 total cases.

- Mean: 0.87
- Median: 1.00
- Mode: 1.00
- Minimum: 0.00
- Maximum: 1.00
- Standard Deviation: 0.33

V18 **Unique Candidate ID Code**

Location: 299-304 (width: 6; decimal: 0)

Variable Type: numeric

Question: This variable was generated by taking the minimum of caseid for each individual.

Based upon 308125 valid cases out of 308125 total cases.

- Mean: 142839.76
- Minimum: 1.00
- Maximum: 308490.00
- Standard Deviation: 83416.41

V19 **Candidate's Full Standardized Name**

Location: 305-342 (width: 38; decimal: 0)

Variable Type: character

Question: Combination of all name components in edition 6 (v44 through v53) for the first instance in which the candidate appears.

Notes: ("First instance" means the first row of a new value of v18 when the data are sorted by v03 v18 v5 and v16.) "WRITEIN" indicates votes cast for candidates identified in the official returns only as write-ins.

Based upon 308125 valid cases out of 308125 total cases.

V20 Detailed Party Code

Location: 343-347 (width: 5; decimal: 0)

Variable Type: numeric

Question: This variable is a unique code assigned to each distinct party that ran a candidate in any given election.

Value	*Label*
1	Federalist
13	Democrat-Republican
100	Democrat
112	Conservative
200	Modern Republican
310	American
311	American and Republican
328	Independent
331	Independent Republican
340	Populist
341	People's
361	Prohibition
380	Socialist
402	Liberal
403	Law and Order
404	Radical
501	Labor
505	Socialist Labor
518	Free Trade
526	Liberty
543	Communist
546	Independence
557	Citizens
570	Constitutional
575	Reform
609	New Party
618	Independent Progressive
637	Independent Socialist
646	Socialist Workers

Value	*Label*
657	The Third Party
700	Square Deal
706	Enf. All
724	Independent Anti-Tax
731	Independent Conservative
745	Independent Citizens
749	Republican - Democrat
787	Independent Voters
802	Your Party
816	United Taxpayers
817	Good Government
846	Communist Labor Party, Socialist and Workingmens Party
852	Veterans
893	Independent Liberal
894	Independent American
898	Communist Labor
908	Non Partisan
912	Independent Non-Partisan
967	Coalition
1025	Conservative Independent
1043	Independent Peoples Choice
1113	New Progressive
1186	People's Candidate, The
1210	Independent Tax Reform
1216	Democratic Independent
1239	People's Unity
1310	Taxation with Representation
1399	Independent League
1404	American Independent
1411	Peacea Freedom
1437	National Democratic Party of Alabama
1447	George Wallace Party
1453	Peoples Constitutional
1457	Essex Conservative Party
1462	Freedom and Peace
1467	Common Sense
1701	La Raza Unida
1703	Civil Service Independents
1704	Independent Alliance
1706	Right To Life
1708	Dodd Independent

Value	*Label*
1711	National Conservative Party
1716	Consumer
1717	Liberty Union
1718	Alabama Conservative
1721	Independent New Mexican
1735	Libertarian
1741	Human Rights
1761	Free Libertarian
1770	Politicians are Crooks
1776	United States Labor Party
2421	Jobs, Equality, Peace
2427	Concerned Citizens
2429	Bicentennial Reality
2432	Democratic Write-In
2441	Right to Die
2442	Independent Neighbors
2446	Alaskan Independence
2454	Tea Party 1978
2460	Down with Lawyers
2464	Worker's World
2467	No Slogan
2470	Action Talks
2471	People Before Profits
2475	No Party
2485	Taxpayers
2491	World Federalist
2495	New Alliance Party
2496	Unity
2497	Statewide Independent
2503	Tisch
2510	Socialist Party Of Iowa
2523	Fifth Independent
2527	Sixth Independent
2528	Seventh Independent
2534	Nomination by Petition #2
2550	Republican Write-In
2552	La Raza Write-In
2553	Democratic Republican Write-In
2554	Constitutional Write-In
2556	New District-New Party
2557	Colorado Independent Party

Value	*Label*
2558	Citizens for Perron
2559	Independent Government Committee
2560	Perrucci Slate
2561	Pacyna Party
2562	William Verriker Party
2563	James Tansley Party
2564	Conservative American
2565	Migliaro Independent
2566	Voice
2567	Voters
2568	Petitioning Candidate
2569	Bicentennial
2570	Connecticut Coalition
2571	Independent Coalition
2573	Impact
2574	Save Our Neighborhood
2575	Alternatives
2576	Libertarian, Tax Protester
2578	Citizens Party
2579	Solidarity
2580	Independent Voter
2582	Green
2583	The Best Candidate
2584	On
2585	Oak Tree Party
2586	Joe Viola
2587	George Stroman Community
2588	Citizens Group
2590	World Peace
2591	Emerson
2592	1776 Party
2594	Citizens Service
2595	Central Brooklyn Civic
2596	Working People
2597	Anti-Lu Lu
2598	Sewer Tax Opposition
2599	Proposition 13 Tax Revolt
2600	Spartacist
2601	Independent Action
2602	Proposition 13
2603	Inc. for Economy

Value	*Label*
2604	Tax Reform
2605	Unity Coalition
2606	No Reassessment
2607	Anti 100% Tax Assessment
2609	Workers World
2610	Big Apple Party
2611	Community Preservation
2612	Egalitarian Party
2615	First Party Independent
2616	Ratepayers against Lilco
2617	People against Crime
2618	Benchmark
2619	Socialist Worker
2620	Watervliet Citizens
2621	Justice
2622	Harlem Independent
2623	Heart
2624	Consumer Rights
2625	Citizens Action
2626	Farm and Labor
2627	Citizens Choice
2628	Troy Citizen's
2629	Home Ind.
2631	Unaffiliated American
2632	Upper Man. Apt. Build
2633	Vann Guard
2634	New
2636	Malcolm X
2637	Democrat and Republican
2638	183 Leg. Ind.
2639	Republican and Democrat Write-In
2640	Democrat and Republican Write-In
2641	Republican and Democrat
2642	Ind. Taxpayers
2643	New Frontier
2644	Elect Day Committee
2645	Working Independent
2646	Conservatives for Integ.
2647	People
2648	Friends of Randleman
2649	North Philadelphia Poli

Value	*Label*
2650	Independent Legislation
2651	Peoples Independent
2652	Lib. and New Alliance
2654	Concerned Citizens against Lilco
2655	Liberation Party
2656	Independent Legislature Party
2657	Stop Drug Abuse
2658	Act Tax Relief
2659	Experience Party
2660	Hudson Party
2661	Concerned Party
2662	Sever Tax Opposition
2663	Republican Cal
2664	Pennsylvania for Larouche
2665	Citizens for Randleman
2667	Bilger for Representative
2668	Nominated By Petition
2670	Fight for Utilities
2671	New Dir
2672	Jones for Jackson
2674	Wm. Hoover
2675	Constitutional American Independent
2676	Democratic Youngman
2677	Republican Constitutional
2678	Democratic Constitutional
2679	Republican Youngman
2680	Democratic American Independent
2681	Andrew Dooley State Representative Party
2682	Second Independent
2683	Independent Write-In
2692	Republican Independent
2693	Democrat Constitutional American Independent
2694	Raza
2696	Democrat-Farmer-Labor
2697	Third Independent
2698	Second Nominated By Petition
2699	Labor Farm
2700	People against Lilco
2701	Don Deuster For Senator
2702	Christian Pro-Life
2703	Freedom Party

Value	*Label*
2704	Free for All
2705	Southern Illinois Equal Rights
2706	Fourth Independent
2707	Arthur L. Turner Party
2708	Juan M. Soliz Independent Party
2709	Citizens for Progressive Candidates
2710	Monica Faith Stewart Party
2712	Reform Party
2713	Progressive Party
2714	Citizens Party of Georgia
2715	Conservative Democratic Party
2717	United Independents
2718	Independent United Party
2719	For the People
2720	Individualist
2721	Abolish County Government
2722	Safe Sensible Economy
2723	Uncommitted and Unbossed
2724	Senate Independent
2725	Bull Moose Party
2726	Inflation Fighting Housewife
2727	Beam the Bomb
2728	Regular Organization
2729	Fair Tax Equalization
2730	Independence-Liberty-Objectivity
2731	Adult Consumer Taxpayer
2732	Independent Political Action
2733	Conservation-Recreation-Tourism
2734	People for People
2736	Louis H. Caldwell Party
2737	Citizens for Pouncey Taylor
2738	Good-Win Party
2739	Clarence B. Williamson Party
2740	Charles B. Gaines Party
2741	Raza Unida
2742	Grass Roots Organization
2743	United Peoples Party
2744	Independent Caucus
2745	Independent Political Concerns
2746	Second Democrat
2747	American Party of Georgia

Value	*Label*
2750	Libertarian Party of Georgia
2752	Americans for Erg
2753	Essex Bi-Partisan
2754	Unity-Victory-Progress
2755	Honesty-Efficiency-Decency
2756	Save Hudson County
2757	Nobody's Rubber Stamp
2758	Good Neighbor's Union
2759	No New Taxes
2760	Independent Candidate
2761	Lower Property Taxes
2762	Labor-Farm
2764	Dedicated, Honest, Unbossed
2765	The American Party
2766	Unity Movement
2767	My Brother's Keeper
2768	Citizens for Progress
2769	For Needed Change
2770	Equality for All
2771	Stop Transit Increases
2772	The Independent Voice
2773	Compulsory Education Law
2774	Community Comes First
2775	Experienced-Competent-Courageous
2776	Michael Harris Libertarian
2777	People's Needs First
2778	Pride-Responsibility
2779	Time for Change
2780	Jeffersonian Party
2781	Service to Mankind
2782	Economy-Honesty-Concern
2783	Independent Citizen
2784	Legalize Acupuncture Now
2785	No Income Tax
2786	Tax Revolt
2787	Independents in Government
2788	Taxpayer Independent
2789	The Community Speaks
2790	Restrain Tax League
2791	Independent Responsive Government
2792	Good Government Independent

Value	*Label*
2793	Tax Revolt Independent
2794	'For God's Sake'
2796	Very Independent Candidate
2797	Independent Non-Political Party
2798	Honesty-Integrity-Credibility
2799	Independents for Independence
2800	Re-Elect, Experience, Integrity
2801	Aid Mental Illness
2802	Independent 'D'
2803	A Better Way
2804	Repeal Income Tax
2805	Let's Work Together
2806	Re-Elect Experience, Courage
2807	An Independent Choice
2808	Income Tax Referendum
2809	Anti-Tax Candidate
2810	Independent Progressive Conservative
2811	Independent Middle America
2812	Progressive Independents
2813	Against Tax Abuse
2814	Second Libertarian
2815	Free People Party
2816	Republican-Independent
2817	Peoples Party Independent
2818	Peoples Party
2819	Republican-Democratic
2820	Independent Libertarian
2821	Against Politicians Raises
2823	An Informed Independent
2825	Independent Consumer Advocate
2826	Social Justice Independent
2827	Inter-Dependent 3rd Party
2828	Representing Marshfield & Scituate
2829	Libertarian Write-In
2830	First New Mexican Party
2831	Sticker Candidate
2832	Stickers
2833	Equitable Representation
2834	Citizens for Lucco
2835	Republican Moderate
2837	American Majority

Value	*Label*
2838	Second Republican
2839	Policeman-Fireman-Condominium
2840	Independents 7th District
2841	True Justice
2842	Dedicated Hard Working
2843	Kemp-Roth Bill
2844	American Party of New Hampshire
2845	Tenants Taxpayers Party
2846	My Experience Counts
2847	Strengthen Your Government
2848	The People's Assemblyman
2849	Honesty-Integrity-Determination
2850	Proven Leadership
2851	Responsible Representation
2852	Independents
2853	Bergen Home Rule
2855	Independent and Republican
2856	Independent and Democrat
2857	United Party of Ind. Citizens
2858	N.H. Pro
2859	Allin Walker Party
2860	Third Republican
2861	Fourth Republican
2862	Third Democrat
2863	Fourth Democrat
2864	Fair Water Rates
2865	United Citizens
2866	The North Dakota New Party
2867	Trt
2868	Nomination Papers
2869	The Education Solution
2872	Future Party
2873	Leadership Party
2875	New Voice Party
2876	Citizens against Rising Electric Rates
2877	Vote Children '88
2878	Parents against Drug Abuse
2883	Individual
2884	Workers against Concessions
2897	Marie Goodlow Party
2898	Davis Community Action

Value	*Label*
2899	Colorado Populist Party
2900	Twenty K
2901	Bull Moose
2902	Jefferson Jackson Lincoln Association
2903	Unaffiliated Voters
2909	Reduce Insurance Rates
2910	Independent Conservative Radical
2911	Car Insurance Stinks
2912	Auto Insurance Reform
2913	Honest Politician
2915	Helene for Pittsburghers
2916	Mike Bunk Independent
3001	Working Families Party
3002	
3003	4th of July Party
3004	51I
3005	ACP
3006	BRS
3007	Christian Center Party
3008	Concerned Citizens
3009	Connecticut for Lieberman
3010	Constitution
3011	CPF
3012	CST
3013	Cut Taxes Republican
3014	Democrat Progressive
3015	Eliminate Primary Elections
3016	Ethical Efficient Government
3017	For Our Community
3018	Get a Grip
3019	Grassroots for Life
3020	Green Rainbow
3021	Independent Green
3022	Independent Party of Delaware
3023	Independent and Republican
3024	Independent Democrat
3025	Justice for Vermonters
3026	Libertarian Republican
3027	Liberty Union
3028	MIP
3029	Mountain

Value	*Label*
3030	N
3031	New Women Leadership
3032	NOP
3033	NP (Alaska)
3034	NPA (Florida)
3035	O
3036	PET
3037	Petitioning Candidate (CT)
3038	Peace and Freedom
3039	PG
3040	Pro-Life Conservative
3041	Progressive Democrat
3042	Putting People First
3043	The Blue Enigma Party
3044	The Peoples' Choice
3045	TFP
3046	UNC
3047	UST
3048	Independent American Party
3049	Natural Law
3051	Constitutional Patriot
3052	Ecology Independence
3053	Libertarian and Republican
3055	Organic Life
3056	Progressive Democratic Republican
3057	Progressive Democratic
3058	Republican Libertarian
3059	Vermont Grassroots
3060	Wingnut
3061	Working For Vermont
3062	Let Voters Decide
3063	Progressive Green
3064	Take Back Vermont
3065	M
3066	MOD
3067	No party listed on returns or returns explicitly indicate that candidate is unaffiliated
3068	A
3069	F
3070	FCB
3071	FWJ
3072	RA

Value	*Label*
3073	WAI
3074	WAID
3075	Orange Taxpayers
3076	A Connecticut Party
3077	Tax
3078	U.S. Taxpayers
3079	Worker
3080	Democrat and Libertarian, fused
3081	Democrat, Republican, and Libertarian, fused
3082	Green and Democrat, fused
3083	Independent and Democrat, fused
3084	Independent and Republican, fused
3085	Independent, Democrat and Republican, fused
3086	Libertarian and Democrat, fused
3087	Libertarian and Republican, fused
3088	Republican and Libertarian, fused
3089	Republican, Democrat and Libertarian, fused
3090	third party
3091	ACT
3092	AFD
3093	America First Party
3094	BFR
3095	BIP
3096	C
3097	CRP
3098	CUT
3099	DBP
3100	DG
3101	E
3102	EDU
3103	ESL
3104	F
3105	FAR
3106	FRE
3107	FSP
3108	Fusion
3109	GFL
3110	GNW
3111	GRO
3112	GRP
3113	HFR

Value	*Label*
3114	Honesty and Integrity
3115	Independent Christian Pro-Life
3116	Independent Small Government
3117	LON
3118	MOD
3119	NAI
3120	NCR
3121	NLP
3122	No party listed on returns, while most candidates have a party listed.
3123	NPA
3124	ONE
3125	OTHER
3126	P
3127	PAC
3128	PC
3129	POI
3130	Politicians are Crooks
3131	PRO
3132	Pro-life, conservative, veteran
3133	PRT
3134	QVA
3135	RNY
3136	RVC
3137	S
3138	SAV
3139	SCH
3140	SCP
3141	SMA
3142	Socialist Equality
3143	SOS
3144	SPT
3145	SRH
3146	STA
3147	STO
3148	STR
3149	STV
3150	TCN
3151	TEP
3152	The Fourth Branch
3153	TPR
3154	TWP

Value	*Label*
3155	U
3156	UNA
3157	Unenrolled
3158	UNP
3159	UST
3160	VET
3161	VFC
3162	VOP
3163	VOT
3164	VRT
3165	WGR
3166	WLB
3167	NHT
3168	Unspecified non-major party
3169	Democrat and Working Families, fused
3170	Progressive Democratic Working Family, fused
3171	some type of Tea Party candidate
3172	Republican Working Families, fused
4001	no party identified in the data
4002	Nebraska non-partisan, and Minnesota non-partisan (1972 and before only for MN).
4003	non-partisan by virtue of the fact that it is a non-partisan special election.
4004	party unknown, and write-in status unknown. Could be a major party, could be a non-major party.
4005	For complete value label, see Original P.I. Documentation
4006	combination of 4005 and 99997.
4007	returns explicitly say that the candidate isn't affiliated with a party.
4008	For complete value label, see Original P.I. Documentation
4009	For complete value label, see Original P.I. Documentation
4010	candidate assumed to be a non-major party candidate because the candidate wasn't listed in the returns.
4011	For complete value label, see Original P.I. Documentation
4012	originally given a v14 code of 2668 (nominated by petition) but in a state and year with non-partisan elections.
9998	Major Party (?) Unidentified
9999	Scattering

Based upon 308125 valid cases out of 308125 total cases.

- Mean: 1966.77
- Minimum: 1.00
- Maximum: 99999.00
- Standard Deviation: 11659.60

V21 **Simplified Party Code**

Location: 348-350 (width: 3; decimal: 0)

Variable Type: numeric

Question: Party codes in v20 were reduced to one of seven codes

Notes: These codes sometimes did not merely take v20 codes and translate them, but required extra research.

Value	*Label*	*Unweighted Frequency*	*%*
100	Democratic (includes instances where non-major parties fuse with a Democrat and the votes aren't reported separately)	152050	49.3 %
200	Republican (includes instances where non-major parties fuse with a Republican and the votes aren't reported separately)	115378	37.4 %
300	Fused Democratic and Republican (NH and VT, some CA and MA)	1163	0.4 %
400	non-major party independent	25500	8.3 %
500	non-partisan election (i.e., Nebraska, Minnesota (1972 and before only), some special elections)	2093	0.7 %
600	write-in scattering	11596	3.8 %
700	unidentified party	345	0.1 %

Based upon 308125 valid cases out of 308125 total cases.

- Mean: 185.23
- Median: 200.00
- Mode: 100.00
- Minimum: 100.00
- Maximum: 700.00
- Standard Deviation: 122.38

V22 **Incumbency Dummy (1=Incumbent, 0=Non-incumbent)**

Location: 351-351 (width: 1; decimal: 0)

Variable Type: numeric

Question: This variable is coded "1" when the candidate is an incumbent and "0" otherwise

Notes: See Original P.I. Documentation in the ICPSR Codebook for full notes.

Value	*Unweighted Frequency*	*%*
0	183792	59.6 %
1	124305	40.3 %
. (M)	28	0.0 %

Based upon 308097 valid cases out of 308125 total cases.

- Mean: 0.40
- Median: 0.00

- Mode: 0.00
- Minimum: 0.00
- Maximum: 1.00
- Standard Deviation: 0.49

V23	Candidate's vote Total

Location: 352-357 (width: 6; decimal: 0)

Variable Type: numeric

Range of Missing Values (M): -9

Question: This numeric variable records the vote total received by the candidate for the party designated in v20.

Notes: In other words, for instances where a candidate is running on multiple parties' lines, and where the votes cast for these separate parties for the same candidate are tabulated separately, only the vote total for that party is given for this variable.

Value	*Label*
-9 (M)	missing data -re

Based upon 302757 valid cases out of 308125 total cases.

- Mean: 10203.39
- Minimum: 0.00
- Maximum: 326755.00
- Standard Deviation: 14784.61

V24	Election Winner

Location: 358-358 (width: 1; decimal: 0)

Variable Type: numeric

Question: This is a dummy variable that reports the outcome of the election for each particular candidate. The variable is coded "1" if the candidate won the election and "0" otherwise.

Notes: See Original P.I. Documentation in the ICPSR Codebook for full notes.

Value	*Unweighted Frequency*	*%*
0	143773	46.7 %
1	164352	53.3 %

Based upon 308125 valid cases out of 308125 total cases.

- Mean: 0.53
- Median: 1.00
- Mode: 1.00
- Minimum: 0.00
- Maximum: 1.00
- Standard Deviation: 0.50

V25	Number of Candidates in Election

Location: 359-360 (width: 2; decimal: 0)

Variable Type: numeric

Question: Number of Candidates in Election

Notes: When a candidate ran under two or more different party names, such as in NH, NY and CT, s/he is counted only once for this variable. "An election" was defined as the set of cases sharing the same state, year, month, office, district, post and election type. Write-in candidates are not counted for this variable. It does not make sense to count an election as contested because one person wrote "Mickey Mouse" on the ballot, as in Georgia's 44th House district in the 1980 general election. Furthermore, whether write-in candidates are reported is inconsistent from one state election administration to another, and is inconsistent over time and states in SLERs. Scholars can make their own decisions about which write-in candidates were serious enough to include in the total.

Value	*Unweighted Frequency*	*%*
0	18	0.0 %
1	50708	16.5 %
2	159657	51.8 %
3	41215	13.4 %
4	25409	8.2 %
5	6567	2.1 %
6	7923	2.6 %
7	2556	0.8 %
8	3154	1.0 %
9	1248	0.4 %
10	1921	0.6 %
11	668	0.2 %
12	1107	0.4 %
13	517	0.2 %
14	706	0.2 %
15	332	0.1 %
16	615	0.2 %
17	294	0.1 %
18	544	0.2 %
19	133	0.0 %
20	501	0.2 %
21	211	0.1 %
22	552	0.2 %
23	69	0.0 %
24	336	0.1 %
25	50	0.0 %
26	316	0.1 %
27	108	0.0 %
28	140	0.0 %

Value	*Unweighted Frequency*	*%*
29	58	0.0 %
30	90	0.0 %
33	33	0.0 %
35	35	0.0 %
40	40	0.0 %
43	43	0.0 %
45	45	0.0 %
46	46	0.0 %
47	47	0.0 %
55	55	0.0 %
58	58	0.0 %

Based upon 308125 valid cases out of 308125 total cases.

- Mean: 2.90
- Median: 2.00
- Mode: 2.00
- Minimum: 0.00
- Maximum: 58.00
- Standard Deviation: 3.21

V26 **Number of Democrats in Election**

Location: 361-362 (width: 2; decimal: 0)

Variable Type: numeric

Question: Number of Democrats in Election

Notes: Candidates who are running as both a Democrat and a Republican on one line are counted towards this total. "An election" was defined as the set of cases sharing the same state, year, month, office, election type, and district identifier. Write-in Democratic candidates are not counted towards this total.

Value	*Unweighted Frequency*	*%*
0	30039	9.7 %
1	208413	67.6 %
2	34635	11.2 %
3	13535	4.4 %
4	7038	2.3 %
5	3962	1.3 %
6	2709	0.9 %
7	1559	0.5 %
8	1272	0.4 %
9	1001	0.3 %
10	805	0.3 %

Value	*Unweighted Frequency*	*%*
11	1000	0.3 %
12	392	0.1 %
13	462	0.1 %
14	320	0.1 %
15	180	0.1 %
16	48	0.0 %
17	68	0.0 %
18	54	0.0 %
19	19	0.0 %
20	40	0.0 %
21	84	0.0 %
22	66	0.0 %
27	27	0.0 %
28	28	0.0 %
35	35	0.0 %
40	40	0.0 %
43	43	0.0 %
45	45	0.0 %
46	46	0.0 %
47	47	0.0 %
55	55	0.0 %
58	58	0.0 %

Based upon 308125 valid cases out of 308125 total cases.

- Mean: 1.54
- Median: 1.00
- Mode: 1.00
- Minimum: 0.00
- Maximum: 58.00
- Standard Deviation: 2.38

V27	**Number of Republicans in Election**
Location:	363-364 (width: 2; decimal: 0)
Variable Type:	numeric
Question:	Number of Republicans in Election
Notes:	Candidates who are running as both a Democrat and a Republican on one line are counted towards this total. "An election" was defined as the set of cases sharing the same state, year, month, office, election type, and district identifier. Write-in Republican candidates are not counted towards this total

Value	*Unweighted Frequency*	*%*
0	69363	22.5 %
1	192030	62.3 %
2	26189	8.5 %
3	8231	2.7 %
4	3894	1.3 %
5	2228	0.7 %
6	1665	0.5 %
7	696	0.2 %
8	907	0.3 %
9	616	0.2 %
10	526	0.2 %
11	791	0.3 %
12	240	0.1 %
13	343	0.1 %
14	166	0.1 %
15	75	0.0 %
16	16	0.0 %
20	20	0.0 %
23	23	0.0 %
25	25	0.0 %
26	52	0.0 %
29	29	0.0 %

Based upon 308125 valid cases out of 308125 total cases.

- Mean: 1.14
- Median: 1.00
- Mode: 1.00
- Minimum: 0.00
- Maximum: 29.00
- Standard Deviation: 1.48

V28	**Number of Other Candidates in Election**
Location:	365-366 (width: 2; decimal: 0)
Variable Type:	numeric
Question:	Number of Other Candidates in Election
Notes:	"Other candidates" include all non-major party candidates and candidates whose party is unknown. If a Democrat or Republican was also running on anther party's label, then that party is included in this total only if that party is listed on a separate line with a separate vote total from the major party. For example, say there are three candidates: one candidate running as a Democrat and a Liberal, one candidate running as a Republican, and one candidate running on the Right-To-Life ticket. There would therefore be two "other" candidates running according to this convention. When one candidate runs on the labels of two or more "other" parties, this is merely counted as one "other" party. "An

election" was defined as the set of cases sharing the same state, year, month, office, district, post and election type. Write-in candidates are not counted towards this total.

Value	*Unweighted Frequency*	*%*
0	242792	78.8 %
1	41911	13.6 %
2	18359	6.0 %
3	3831	1.2 %
4	756	0.2 %
5	170	0.1 %
6	137	0.0 %
7	79	0.0 %
8	24	0.0 %
9	9	0.0 %
11	57	0.0 %

Based upon 308125 valid cases out of 308125 total cases.

- Mean: 0.31
- Median: 0.00
- Mode: 0.00
- Minimum: 0.00
- Maximum: 11.00
- Standard Deviation: 0.71

V29 **Total votes Cast in Election**

Location: 367-373 (width: 7; decimal: 0)

Variable Type: numeric

Question: Total votes Cast in Election

Based upon 302748 valid cases out of 308125 total cases.

- Mean: 31792.61
- Minimum: 1.00
- Maximum: 4434750.00
- Standard Deviation: 83117.60

V30 **Total votes Cast for Democrats in Election**

Location: 374-380 (width: 7; decimal: 0)

Variable Type: numeric

Question: Total votes Cast for Democrats in Election

Notes: When a Democratic candidate also ran under a different party name, only the votes received by that candidate under the Democratic Party label are counted, if these votes were tabulated separately. When votes for different party lines were not tabulated separately, all votes on a line that included

the Democratic Party were counted towards the Democratic total. Votes cast for fused Democratic-Republicans (v21=300) were counted towards the Democratic total.

Based upon 302748 valid cases out of 308125 total cases.

- Mean: 17097.86
- Minimum: 0.00
- Maximum: 1897731.00
- Standard Deviation: 42799.40

V31	Total votes Cast for Republicans in Election
Location:	381-387 (width: 7; decimal: 0)
Variable Type:	numeric
Question:	Total votes Cast for Republicans in Election
Notes:	When a Republican candidate also ran under a different party name, only the votes received by that candidate under the Republican Party label are counted if these votes were tabulated separately. When votes for different party lines were not tabulated separately, all votes on a line that included the Republican Party were counted towards the Republican total. Votes cast for fused Democratic-Republicans (v21=300) were counted towards the Republican total.

Based upon 302748 valid cases out of 308125 total cases.

- Mean: 13883.67
- Minimum: 0.00
- Maximum: 2537019.00
- Standard Deviation: 42920.92

V32	Total votes Cast for Others in Election
Location:	388-393 (width: 6; decimal: 0)
Variable Type:	numeric
Question:	Total votes Cast for Others in Election
Notes:	When Democrats and Republicans are running on the same line (v21=300), the formula (v29 " [(v30 + v31) " X]) was utilized (where X = the number of votes received by fused Democratic and Republican lines).

Based upon 302748 valid cases out of 308125 total cases.

- Mean: 866.11
- Minimum: 0.00
- Maximum: 172644.00
- Standard Deviation: 3769.19

V33	Highest vote Percentage in Election
Location:	394-408 (width: 15; decimal: 11)
Variable Type:	numeric
Question:	Highest vote Percentage in Election

Notes: See Original P.I. Documentation in the ICPSR Codebook for full notes.

Based upon 251382 valid cases out of 308125 total cases.

- Mean: 68.91616851810
- Minimum: 16.09913825989
- Maximum: 100.00000000000
- Standard Deviation: 17.89727731139

V34	Second Highest vote Percentage in Election

Location: 409-423 (width: 15; decimal: 10)
Variable Type: numeric
Question: Second Highest vote Percentage in Election
Notes: See Original P.I. Documentation in the ICPSR Codebook for full notes.

Based upon 251382 valid cases out of 308125 total cases.

- Mean: 28.8188602159
- Minimum: 0.0000000000
- Maximum: 49.9961662293
- Standard Deviation: 16.4214625717

V35	Percent Margin of victory

Location: 424-438 (width: 15; decimal: 11)
Variable Type: numeric
Question: Percent Margin of victory
Notes: See Original P.I. Documentation in the ICPSR Codebook for full notes.

Based upon 251382 valid cases out of 308125 total cases.

- Mean: 40.09730830669
- Minimum: 0.00750923157
- Maximum: 100.00000000000
- Standard Deviation: 33.55105090475

V36	Candidate's Percent of the vote

Location: 439-453 (width: 15; decimal: 10)
Variable Type: numeric
Question: Candidate's Percent of the vote
Notes: See Original P.I. Documentation in the ICPSR Codebook for full notes.

Based upon 307925 valid cases out of 308125 total cases.

- Mean: 47.9830305253
- Minimum: 0.0000000000

- Maximum: 100.0000000000
- Standard Deviation: 30.1282296569

V37 **Difference between Candidate's Percentage and Winner's Percentage**

Location: 454-468 (width: 15; decimal: 11)
Variable Type: numeric
Question: Difference between Candidate's Percentage and Winner's Percentage
Notes: See Original P.I. Documentation in the ICPSR Codebook for full notes.

Based upon 251382 valid cases out of 308125 total cases.

- Mean: 16.30657247754
- Minimum: 0.00000000000
- Maximum: 100.00000000000
- Standard Deviation: 24.53444043905

V38 **Candidate's Name Used in ICPSR #8907 (i.e., which covered 1967 to 1989)**

Location: 469-513 (width: 45; decimal: 0)
Variable Type: character
Question: Candidate's Name Used in ICPSR #8907 (i.e., which covered 1967 to 1989)

Based upon 308125 valid cases out of 308125 total cases.

V39 **Candidate's Name Used in ICPSR #21480 (i.e., which covered 1967 to 2003)**

Location: 514-548 (width: 35; decimal: 0)
Variable Type: character
Question: Candidate's Name Used in ICPSR #21480 (i.e., which covered 1967 to 2003)

Based upon 308125 valid cases out of 308125 total cases.

V40 **Dummy: Name Adjusted for ICPSR #21480 (1=Yes, 0=No)**

Location: 549-549 (width: 1; decimal: 0)
Variable Type: numeric
Question: Dummy: Name Adjusted for ICPSR #21480 (1=Yes, 0=No)

Value	*Unweighted Frequency*	*%*
0	145501	47.2 %
1	28075	9.1 %
. (M)	134549	43.7 %

Based upon 173576 valid cases out of 308125 total cases.

- Mean: 0.16
- Median: 0.00
- Mode: 0.00

- Minimum: 0.00
- Maximum: 1.00
- Standard Deviation: 0.37

V41 **Information for Election is Incomplete**

Location: 550-550 (width: 1; decimal: 0)

Variable Type: numeric

Question: Information for Election is Incomplete

Notes: Dummy: 1 = only the winning candidate of the election and that candidate's party is known. It is not known whether the election was uncontested or not, and the vote totals for the election are unknown. 0 = else.

Value	*Unweighted Frequency*	*%*
0	307948	99.9 %
1	177	0.1 %

Based upon 308125 valid cases out of 308125 total cases.

- Mean: 0.00
- Median: 0.00
- Mode: 0.00
- Minimum: 0.00
- Maximum: 1.00
- Standard Deviation: 0.02

V42 **Dummy: Uncertainty Exists for Some Data for This Case**

Location: 551-551 (width: 1; decimal: 0)

Variable Type: numeric

Question: Dummy: Uncertainty Exists for Some Data for This Case

Notes: This variable denotes a case for which there is some uncertainty about at least one of the variables. If a user knows this information, they are requested to share it with the authors of this dataset.

Value	*Unweighted Frequency*	*%*
0	307058	99.7 %
1	1067	0.3 %

Based upon 308125 valid cases out of 308125 total cases.

- Mean: 0.00
- Median: 0.00
- Mode: 0.00
- Minimum: 0.00
- Maximum: 1.00
- Standard Deviation: 0.06

V43 **Specifies variable There is Uncertainty About**

Location: 552-583 (width: 32; decimal: 0)
Variable Type: character
Question: Specifies variable There is Uncertainty About
Notes: See Original P.I. Documentation in the ICPSR Codebook for full notes.

Value	*Unweighted Frequency*	*%*
	307058	99.7 %
district and party	1	0.0 %
district number	3	0.0 %
first name	2	0.0 %
general problem	4	0.0 %
identity	361	0.1 %
identity and incomplete election	6	0.0 %
identity and party	4	0.0 %
incomplete election	171	0.1 %
party	514	0.2 %
winner status	1	0.0 %

Based upon 308125 valid cases out of 308125 total cases.

V44 **Last Name of Candidate**

Location: 584-604 (width: 21; decimal: 0)
Variable Type: character
Question: Last Name of Candidate
Based upon 308125 valid cases out of 308125 total cases.

V45 **First Name of Candidate**

Location: 605-619 (width: 15; decimal: 0)
Variable Type: character
Question: First Name of Candidate
Based upon 308125 valid cases out of 308125 total cases.

V46 **First Middle Name Component of Candidate**

Location: 620-633 (width: 14; decimal: 0)
Variable Type: character
Question: First Middle Name Component of Candidate
Based upon 308125 valid cases out of 308125 total cases.

V47 **Second Middle Name Component of Candidate**

Location: 634-643 (width: 10; decimal: 0)

Variable Type: character

Question: Second Middle Name Component of Candidate

Based upon 308125 valid cases out of 308125 total cases.

V48 Third Middle Name Component of Candidate

Location: 644-644 (width: 1; decimal: 0)

Variable Type: character

Question: Third Middle Name Component of Candidate

Value	*Unweighted Frequency*	*%*
	308114	100.0 %
C	1	0.0 %
D	4	0.0 %
M	1	0.0 %
T	1	0.0 %
V	3	0.0 %
X	1	0.0 %

Based upon 308125 valid cases out of 308125 total cases.

V49 Fourth Middle Name Component of Candidate

Location: 645-645 (width: 1; decimal: 0)

Variable Type: character

Question: Fourth Middle Name Component of Candidate

Value	*Unweighted Frequency*	*%*
	308122	100.0 %
M	3	0.0 %

Based upon 308125 valid cases out of 308125 total cases.

V50 Nickname of Candidate

Location: 646-662 (width: 17; decimal: 0)

Variable Type: character

Question: Nickname of Candidate

Based upon 308125 valid cases out of 308125 total cases.

V51 Suffix of Candidate

Location: 663-665 (width: 3; decimal: 0)

Variable Type: character

Question: Suffix of Candidate

Value	*Unweighted Frequency*	*%*
	293575	95.3 %
I	3	0.0 %
II	521	0.2 %
III	1343	0.4 %
IV	72	0.0 %
JR	11312	3.7 %
SR	1299	0.4 %

Based upon 308125 valid cases out of 308125 total cases.

V52 **Prefix or Title of Candidate**

Location: 666-671 (width: 6; decimal: 0)
Variable Type: character
Question: Prefix or Title of Candidate

Value	*Unweighted Frequency*	*%*
	307346	99.7 %
COL	2	0.0 %
CPA	2	0.0 %
DR	267	0.1 %
ESQ	1	0.0 %
MAYOR	1	0.0 %
MD	29	0.0 %
MISS	7	0.0 %
MR	8	0.0 %
MRS	423	0.1 %
MS	4	0.0 %
PHD	2	0.0 %
REP	2	0.0 %
REV	25	0.0 %
SEN	1	0.0 %
SISTER	5	0.0 %

Based upon 308125 valid cases out of 308125 total cases.

V53 **Number in Candidate's Name to Differentiate from Other Candidates**

Location: 672-673 (width: 2; decimal: 0)
Variable Type: character
Question: Number in Candidate's Name to Differentiate from Other Candidates

Value	*Unweighted Frequency*	*%*
	306307	99.4 %
1	1384	0.4 %
2	401	0.1 %
3	24	0.0 %
4	6	0.0 %
5	1	0.0 %
6	2	0.0 %

Based upon 308125 valid cases out of 308125 total cases.

V54 **Alternative Last Name for Candidate**

Location: 674-689 (width: 16; decimal: 0)
Variable Type: character
Question: Alternative Last Name for Candidate
Notes: Includes misspellings of the last name that were corrected.

Based upon 308125 valid cases out of 308125 total cases.

V55 **Type of Alternative Last Name Specified in v51 Above**

Location: 690-690 (width: 1; decimal: 0)
Variable Type: numeric
Question: Code that explains why it was necessary to put an alternative last name into v54.

Value	*Label*	*Unweighted Frequency*	*%*
1	For complete value label, see Original P.I. Documentation	352	0.1 %
2	For complete value label, see Original P.I. Documentation	69	0.0 %
3	the case is a companion to a case with a code of #2. A name wasn/t put into v54 in this case.	87	0.0 %
4	For complete value label, see Original P.I. Documentation	2	0.0 %
5	uncertainty about how the last name was spelled, and last name is from v38.	21	0.0 %
6	alternative last name used by the candidate (such as a maiden name that was dropped)	17	0.0 %
. (M)	-	307577	99.8 %

Based upon 548 valid cases out of 308125 total cases.

- Mean: 1.76
- Median: 1.00
- Mode: 1.00
- Minimum: 1.00
- Maximum: 6.00
- Standard Deviation: 1.27

V56 **State Legislative District Number from ICPSR #21480**

Location: 691-693 (width: 3; decimal: 0)

Variable Type: numeric

Range of Missing Values (M): 999

Question: This is the ICPSR #21480 variable named "v8" exactly as it appeared in that data set for the case in question.

Value	*Label*
999 (M)	missing data -di

Based upon 257519 valid cases out of 308125 total cases.

- Mean: 50.72
- Minimum: 1.00
- Maximum: 967.00
- Standard Deviation: 74.55

V57 **State Legislative District Post Number from ICPSR #21480**

Location: 694-695 (width: 2; decimal: 0)

Variable Type: numeric

Question: This is the ICPSR #21480 variable named "v9" exactly as it appeared in that data set for the case in question.

Value	*Unweighted Frequency*	*%*
0	200192	65.0 %
1	6039	2.0 %
2	6092	2.0 %
3	1592	0.5 %
4	788	0.3 %
5	526	0.2 %
6	253	0.1 %
7	119	0.0 %
8	82	0.0 %
9	79	0.0 %
10	43	0.0 %
11	47	0.0 %
12	25	0.0 %
13	21	0.0 %
14	16	0.0 %
15	13	0.0 %
16	7	0.0 %
17	7	0.0 %
18	12	0.0 %

Value	*Unweighted Frequency*	*%*
19	3	0.0 %
20	3	0.0 %
. (M)	92166	29.9 %

Based upon 215959 valid cases out of 308125 total cases.

- Mean: 0.16
- Median: 0.00
- Mode: 0.00
- Minimum: 0.00
- Maximum: 20.00
- Standard Deviation: 0.76

V58 **State Legislative District Name from ICPSR #21480**

Location: 696-738 (width: 43; decimal: 0)

Variable Type: character

Question: This is the ICPSR #21480 variable named "distname" exactly as it appeared in that data set for the case in question.

Based upon 308125 valid cases out of 308125 total cases.