

VARIABLE 1

V1-ICPSR STUDY NUMBER: This variable is positioned in column locations 1 through 4 and contains the value "2737" for each record. This value represents the 4-digit ICPSR archival study number assigned to this data collection.

Example 3: Variable 1 in Columns 1-4

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273711 1 0 8 1122 719519999 13 461 1 41975 81976 81976221219863 61989190499
273711 2 0 22 1112 719419999 14 31299999999101976101976299999996 41979899999
273711 3 0 30 1112 319499999 11 41299999999101976101976299999996 61980299999
273711 4 0 31 1122 819459999 11 36199999999 21975 21975299999996 61980299999
273711 51973 1 11191019279999 12 16999999999111971111971299999995 61973190499
273711 61973 2 1129 819469999 14 61999999999 31971 31971299999995 61973190499
273711 71973 3 1129 319509999 14 41999999999 61971 61971299999995 81973190499
273711 81973 4 1119 819239999 13 41999999999 31971 31971299999995 81973190499
273711 91973 5 11191019439999 12 21999999999 91969 91969299999995 61973190499
273711 101973 6 11191119469999 11 41999999999 91971 91971299999995101973190499
273711 111973 7 1129 119499999 12 11999999999 61969 61969299999995 91973190499
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VARIABLE 2

V2-ICPSR EDITION NUMBER: This variable is positioned in column location 5 and contains the value "1" for each record. This value represents the ICPSR edition number assigned to the data collection.

Example 4: Variable 2 in Column 5

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273711 1 0 8 1122 719519999 13 461 1 41975 81976 81976221219863 61989190499
273711 2 0 22 1112 719419999 14 31299999999101976101976299999996 41979899999
273711 3 0 30 1112 319499999 11 41299999999101976101976299999996 61980299999
273711 4 0 31 1122 819459999 11 36199999999 21975 21975299999996 61980299999
273711 51973 1 11191019279999 12 16999999999111971111971299999995 61973190499
273711 61973 2 1129 819469999 14 61999999999 31971 31971299999995 61973190499
273711 71973 3 1129 319509999 14 41999999999 61971 61971299999995 81973190499
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273711 101973 6 11191119469999 11 41999999999 91971 91971299999995101973190499
273711 111973 7 1129 119499999 12 11999999999 61969 61969299999995 91973190499
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VARIABLE 3

V3-ICPSR PART NUMBER: This variable is positioned in column location 6 and contains the value "1" for each record. This value represents the ICPSR part number assigned to the data file within the data collection.

Example 5: Variable 3 in Column 6

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273711 1 0 8 1122 719519999 13 461 1 41975 81976 81976221219863 61989190499
273711 2 0 22 1112 719419999 14 31299999999101976101976299999996 41979899999
273711 3 0 30 1112 319499999 11 41299999999101976101976299999996 61980299999
273711 4 0 31 1122 819459999 11 36199999999 21975 21975299999996 61980299999
273711 51973 1 11191019279999 12 16999999999111971111971299999995 61973190499
273711 61973 2 1129 819469999 14 61999999999 31971 31971299999995 61973190499
273711 71973 3 1129 319509999 14 41999999999 61971 61971299999995 81973190499
273711 81973 4 1119 819239999 13 41999999999 31971 31971299999995 81973190499
273711 91973 5 11191019439999 12 21999999999 91969 91969299999995 61973190499
273711 101973 6 11191119469999 11 41999999999 91971 91971299999995101973190499
273711 111973 7 1129 119499999 12 11999999999 61969 61969299999995 91973190499

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VARIABLE 4

V4-ICPSR SEQUENTIAL ID: This variable is positioned in column locations 7 through 10 and contains the value "1" for the first record. This value represents the first sequential case identification number and is used to uniquely identify a given record in the data file.

Example 6: Variable 4 in Columns 7-10

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273711 1 0 8 1122 719519999 13 461 1 41975 81976 81976221219863 61989190499
273711 2 0 22 1112 719419999 14 31299999999101976101976299999996 41979899999
273711 3 0 30 1112 319499999 11 41299999999101976101976299999996 61980299999
273711 4 0 31 1122 819459999 11 36199999999 21975 21975299999996 61980299999
273711 51973 1 11191019279999 12 16999999999111971111971299999995 61973190499
273711 61973 2 1129 819469999 14 61999999999 31971 31971299999995 61973190499
273711 71973 3 1129 319509999 14 41999999999 61971 61971299999995 81973190499
273711 81973 4 1119 819239999 13 41999999999 31971 31971299999995 81973190499
273711 91973 5 11191019439999 12 21999999999 91969 91969299999995 61973190499
273711 101973 6 11191119469999 11 41999999999 91971 91971299999995101973190499
273711 111973 7 1129 119499999 12 11999999999 61969 61969299999995 91973190499

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VARIABLE 5

V5-REPORT YEAR: This variable is positioned in column locations 11 through 14 and represents the reporting year. The first record, highlighted in red, contains the value "0", which represents a reporting year prior to 1973. The fifth record, also highlighted in red, contains the value "1973", which represents the actual year of the event.

Example 7: Variable 5 in Columns 11-14

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273711 1 0 8 1122 719519999 13 461 1 41975 81976 81976221219863 61989190499
273711 2 0 22 1112 719419999 14 31299999999101976101976299999996 41979899999
273711 3 0 30 1112 319499999 11 41299999999101976101976299999996 61980299999
273711 4 0 31 1122 819459999 11 36199999999 21975 21975299999996 61980299999
273711 51973 1 11191019279999 12 16999999999111971111971299999995 61973190499
273711 61973 2 1129 819469999 14 61999999999 31971 31971299999995 61973190499
273711 71973 3 1129 319509999 14 41999999999 61971 61971299999995 81973190499
273711 81973 4 1119 819239999 13 41999999999 31971 31971299999995 81973190499
273711 91973 5 11191019439999 12 21999999999 91969 91969299999995 61973190499
273711 101973 6 11191119469999 11 41999999999 91971 91971299999995101973190499
273711 111973 7 1129 119499999 12 11999999999 61969 61969299999995 91973190499

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VARIABLE 6

V6-INMATE ID: This variable is positioned in column locations 15 through 18 and contains the value "8" for the first record. This value represents a four-digit inmate identification number.

Example 8: Variable 6 in Columns 15-18

273711	1	0	8	1122	719519999	13	461	1	41975	81976	81976221219863	61989190499
273711	2	0	22	1112	719419999	14	312999999999	101976101976299999996	41979899999			
273711	3	0	30	1112	319499999	11	412999999999	101976101976299999996	61980299999			
273711	4	0	31	1122	819459999	11	361999999999	21975	21975299999996	61980299999		
273711	51973	1	11191019279999	12	169999999999	111971111971299999995	61973190499					
273711	61973	2	1129	819469999	14	619999999999	31971	319712999999995	61973190499			
273711	71973	3	1129	319509999	14	419999999999	61971	619712999999995	81973190499			
273711	81973	4	1119	819239999	13	419999999999	31971	319712999999995	81973190499			
273711	91973	5	11191019439999	12	219999999999	91969	919692999999995	61973190499				
273711	101973	6	11191119469999	11	419999999999	91971	919712999999995	101973190499				
273711	111973	7	1129	119499999	12	119999999999	61969	619692999999995	91973190499			

VARIABLE 7

V7-STATE: This variable is positioned in column locations 19 through 20 and contains the value "1" for all 10 records in this example. This value represents the FIPS state code for Alabama.

Example 9: Variable 7 in Columns 19-20

273711	1	0	8	1122	719519999	13	461	1	41975	81976	81976221219863	61989190499
273711	2	0	22	1112	719419999	14	312999999999	101976101976299999996	41979899999			
273711	3	0	30	1112	319499999	11	412999999999	101976101976299999996	61980299999			
273711	4	0	31	1122	819459999	11	361999999999	21975	21975299999996	61980299999		
273711	51973	1	11191019279999	12	169999999999	111971111971299999995	61973190499					
273711	61973	2	1129	819469999	14	619999999999	31971	319712999999995	61973190499			
273711	71973	3	1129	319509999	14	419999999999	61971	619712999999995	81973190499			
273711	81973	4	1119	819239999	13	419999999999	31971	319712999999995	81973190499			
273711	91973	5	11191019439999	12	219999999999	91969	919692999999995	61973190499				
273711	101973	6	11191119469999	11	419999999999	91971	919712999999995	101973190499				
273711	111973	7	1129	119499999	12	119999999999	61969	619692999999995	91973190499			

VARIABLE 8

V8-Q3 SEX: This variable is positioned in column location 21 and contains the value "1" for the first 10 records. This code identifies the sex of these inmates as "male".

Example 10: Variable 8 in Column 21

273711	1	0	8	1122	719519999	13	461	1	41975	81976	81976221219863	61989190499
273711	2	0	22	1112	719419999	14	312999999999	101976101976299999996	41979899999			
273711	3	0	30	1112	319499999	11	412999999999	101976101976299999996	61980299999			
273711	4	0	31	1122	819459999	11	36199999999	21975 21975299999996	61980299999			
273711	51973	1	1119	1019279999	12	16999999999	111971111971299999995	61973190499				
273711	61973	2	1129	819469999	14	61999999999	31971 31971299999995	61973190499				
273711	71973	3	1129	319509999	14	41999999999	61971 61971299999995	81973190499				
273711	81973	4	1119	819239999	13	41999999999	31971 31971299999995	81973190499				
273711	91973	5	1119	1019439999	12	21999999999	91969 91969299999995	61973190499				
273711	101973	6	1119	1119469999	11	41999999999	91971 91971299999995	101973190499				
273711	111973	7	1129	119499999	12	11999999999	61969 61969299999995	91973190499				

VARIABLE 9

V9-Q4A RACE: This variable is positioned in column 22 and contains the value "2" for the first record. This code identifies the race of this inmate as "Black".

Example 11: Variable 9 in Column 22

273711	1	0	8	1122	719519999	13	461	1	41975	81976	81976221219863	61989190499
273711	2	0	22	1112	719419999	14	312999999999	101976101976299999996	41979899999			
273711	3	0	30	1112	319499999	11	412999999999	101976101976299999996	61980299999			
273711	4	0	31	1122	819459999	11	36199999999	21975 21975299999996	61980299999			
273711	51973	1	1119	1019279999	12	16999999999	111971111971299999995	61973190499				
273711	61973	2	1129	819469999	14	61999999999	31971 31971299999995	61973190499				
273711	71973	3	1129	319509999	14	41999999999	61971 61971299999995	81973190499				
273711	81973	4	1119	819239999	13	41999999999	31971 31971299999995	81973190499				
273711	91973	5	1119	1019439999	12	21999999999	91969 91969299999995	61973190499				
273711	101973	6	1119	1119469999	11	41999999999	91971 91971299999995	101973190499				
273711	111973	7	1129	119499999	12	11999999999	61969 61969299999995	91973190499				

VARIABLE 10

V10-HISPANIC ORIGIN: This variable is positioned column 23 and contains the value "2" for the first record. This code identifies the Hispanic origin of this inmate as "Non-Hispanic".

Example 12: Variable 10 in Column 23

273711	1	0	8	1122	719519999	13	461	1	41975	81976	81976221219863	61989190499
273711	2	0	22	1112	719419999	14	312999999999	101976101976299999996	41979899999			
273711	3	0	30	1112	319499999	11	412999999999	101976101976299999996	61980299999			
273711	4	0	31	1122	819459999	11	36199999999	21975 21975299999996	61980299999			
273711	51973	1	1119	1019279999	12	16999999999	111971111971299999995	61973190499				
273711	61973	2	1129	819469999	14	61999999999	31971 31971299999995	61973190499				
273711	71973	3	1129	319509999	14	41999999999	61971 61971299999995	81973190499				
273711	81973	4	1119	819239999	13	41999999999	31971 31971299999995	81973190499				
273711	91973	5	1119	1019439999	12	21999999999	91969 91969299999995	61973190499				
273711	101973	6	1119	1119469999	11	41999999999	91971 91971299999995	101973190499				
273711	111973	7	1129	119499999	12	11999999999	61969 61969299999995	91973190499				

To locate the column positions for the remaining variables for this study, see the codebook for *CAPITAL PUNISHMENT IN THE UNITED STATES, 1973-1997*.

This example illustrates that a visual interpretation of the data record is inefficient. Commercially available statistical software packages such as SAS, SPSS, and Stata are available to interpret data files and to subset the variables and or cases as needed.



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