

## Preliminary Legislative Data from California and Codebook

These materials demonstrate the feasibility of completing a longitudinal dataset of state-level firearms legislation. Below are raw data on firearms legislation from 1970 to 2010 for California. This dataset demonstrates how we structure these legislative data for quantitative purposes. All variables are coded at the year level and the state is identified with Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) to facilitate merging these legislative data with other datasets. These legislation data were gathered with the proposed methods in our NSF project description. The code book for these data is presented on **Page 2** presents the codebook for these data.

year	state	st_fips	hg_ban	sns_ban	aw_ban	hg_permit	lg_permit	regis	bgcheck	private	wait	wait_len	pur_age	one_gun	deal_lic	pos_age	ccw
1970	CA	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	5	18	0	1	18	1
1971	CA	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	5	18	0	1	18	1
1972	CA	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	5	18	0	1	18	1
1973	CA	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	5	18	0	1	18	1
1974	CA	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	5	18	0	1	18	1
1975	CA	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	5	18	0	1	18	1
1976	CA	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	15	18	0	1	18	1
1977	CA	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	15	18	0	1	18	1
1978	CA	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	15	18	0	1	18	1
1979	CA	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	15	18	0	1	18	1
1980	CA	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	15	18	0	1	18	1
1981	CA	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	15	18	0	1	18	1
1982	CA	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	15	18	0	1	18	1
1983	CA	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	15	18	0	1	18	1
1984	CA	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	15	18	0	1	18	1
1985	CA	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	15	18	0	1	18	1
1986	CA	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	15	18	0	1	18	1
1987	CA	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	15	18	0	1	18	1
1988	CA	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	15	18	0	1	18	1
1989	CA	6	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	2	15	18	0	1	18	1
1990	CA	6	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	2	15	18	0	1	18	1
1991	CA	6	0	0	1	0	0	4	1	1	2	15	18	0	1	18	1
1992	CA	6	0	0	1	0	0	4	1	1	2	15	18	0	1	18	1
1993	CA	6	0	0	1	0	0	4	1	1	2	15	18	0	1	18	1
1994	CA	6	0	0	1	0	0	4	1	1	2	15	18	0	2	18	1
1995	CA	6	0	0	1	0	0	4	1	1	2	15	18	0	1	18	1
1996	CA	6	0	0	1	0	0	4	1	1	1	15	18	0	1	18	1
1997	CA	6	0	0	1	0	0	4	1	1	1	10	18	0	1	18	1
1998	CA	6	0	0	1	0	0	4	1	1	1	10	18	0	1	18	1
1999	CA	6	0	0	1	0	0	4	1	1	1	10	18	0	1	18	1
2000	CA	6	0	0	1	0	0	4	1	1	1	10	18	1	1	18	1
2001	CA	6	0	1	1	0	0	4	1	1	1	10	18	1	1	18	1
2002	CA	6	0	1	1	0	0	4	1	1	1	10	21	1	1	18	1
2003	CA	6	0	1	1	1	0	4	1	1	1	10	21	1	1	18	1
2004	CA	6	0	1	1	1	0	4	1	1	1	10	21	1	1	18	1
2005	CA	6	0	1	1	1	0	4	1	1	1	10	21	1	1	18	1
2006	CA	6	0	1	1	1	0	4	1	1	1	10	21	1	1	18	1
2007	CA	6	0	1	1	1	0	4	1	1	1	10	21	1	1	18	1
2008	CA	6	0	1	1	1	0	4	1	1	1	10	21	1	1	18	1
2009	CA	6	0	1	1	1	0	4	1	1	1	10	21	1	1	18	1
2010	CA	6	0	1	1	1	0	4	1	1	1	10	21	1	1	18	1

## Codebook for Legislation Data

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### **General Aspects of Firearms Legislation Data**

- All data are coded at the year level and for each state. Thus, the data can be referred to as *state-year level data*. However, laws may be subject to change mid-year. In cases where a law became effective or was repealed mid-year, that year was coded to reflect what the majority of the year's law status represented.
    - For example, Alabama repealed its 2 day waiting period for handguns effective August 1, 2000. Since August 1 is more than 50% of the year 2000, the year of 2000 shows that Alabama had a 2 day waiting period in effect for the whole year.
  - Four classes of firearms are mentioned in this data. "Saturday Night Specials" (A.K.A "Junk Guns"), which are low quality and inexpensive firearms. Handguns, which include both revolvers and semi-automatic pistols. Long guns, which include rifles and shotguns (no discrepancy is made for semi-automatic or manual action style firearms here). And finally, Assault Weapons, which may vary from state to state depending on the definition, but in general include AR and AK style firearms with pistol grips and detachable magazines and/or fully automatic pistols and rifles.
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### **Variables and Codes in Firearms Legislation Data**

hg\_ban: State law prohibits the possession of a handgun.

0 = No  
1 = Yes

sns\_ban: State law prohibits possession, sale, and/or manufacture of "Saturday Night Specials".

0 = No  
1 = Yes

aw\_ban: State law prohibits the possession of an Assault  
Weapon.

0 = No  
1 = Yes

hg\_permit: State law requires a permit to purchase a  
handgun.

0 = No  
1 = Yes

lg\_permit: State law requires a permit to purchase a long  
gun (includes rifles and shotguns)

0 = No  
1 = Yes

regis: State law requires a central registry of firearm sales  
in the State. This does not include records that are  
maintained by dealers and local law enforcement.

0 = No Registry  
1 = Handguns only  
2 = Long guns only  
3 = Assault Weapons Only  
4 = All firearms

bgcheck: State law requires background check that is performed  
by the state prior to sale. This includes permit to  
purchase systems that require a background check. This  
is SEPARATE from the NICS background checks required  
by Federal law.

0 = No  
1 = Yes

private: State law requires a background check prior to a  
private sale.

0 = No  
1 = Yes, for all private sales/transfers

2 = Yes, but gun shows are exempt  
3 = Yes, but only for gun shows

wait: State law mandates a waiting period for firearm sales.

0 = No  
1 = All firearms  
2 = Handgun only  
3 = Long Gun only  
4 = Assault Weapons only

wait\_len: Number of days for waiting period.

## = Number of days  
0 = NO WAITING PERIOD

pur\_age: Minimum age to purchase a handgun.

## = Age  
0 = NO MINIMUM AGE

one\_gun: State law restricts persons to one gun purchase per month.

0 = No  
1 = Yes

deal\_lic: State law requires dealers to obtain a state or local license.

0 = No  
1 = All firearms  
2 = Handgun only  
3 = Long Gun only  
4 = Assault Weapons only

pos\_age: Minimum age for youth to possess a handgun

## = Age  
0 = NO MINIMUM AGE

ccw: Conceal Carry Weapon (CCW) Status of the State

- 0 = Conceal Carry Prohibited
- 1 = State "May Issue" CCW permits
- 2 = State "Shall Issue" CCW permits
- 3 = State permit not required for CCW
- 4 = State permit not required, but can be issued