

Description of Variables for DivorceRates.xls

Download data sets from <http://bpp.wharton.upenn.edu/jwolfers/data.shtml#DivorceData>.

Source for codebook: Justin Wolfers (2006), "Did Unilateral Divorce Laws Raise Divorce Rates? A Reconciliation and New Results"

Number of observations: 2193

Number of variables: 6

Variable	Description
st	Two letter state code (Official US Postal Codes) Note that data are coded to the state in which the divorce was granted.
year	Year of observation
div_rate	Annual divorces per 1000 people, 1956-1998 Source: Friedberg 1998 for 1968-88, and hand-entered data from annual editions of <i>Vital Statistics</i> for 1956-67 and 1989-98. These data reflect a count of administrative data, that is, new divorces granted, and reported to the NCHS.
stpop	State population Source: www.census.gov .
married	Percent Married among adults, Census; 1950, 1960, 1970, 1980, 1990, 2000
married_annual	Percent Married among adults, linear interpolation from Census; extrapolation for AK, HI in 1950