

## Description of Variables for DivorceStocks.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: 13,260

Number of variables: 10

<b>Variable</b>	<b>Description</b>
st	Two letter state code (Official US Postal Codes)
age	Age group (25-50)
year	Year of observation (1950, 1960, 1970, 1980, 1990, 2000)
sex	0: female 1: male
divorce	Fraction of the population currently divorced
pop	Estimated population in that age*sex*year cell
black	Fraction of the population that is black
white	Fraction of the population that is white
other	Fraction of the population that is neither white nor black
evdiv	Fraction of the population "Ever divorced". Note: Only available 1960-1980. This calculation assumes that all higher-order marriage reflect an initial divorce.