

Description of Web Dataset

D.C. Sentencing Commission

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The D.C. Sentencing Commission has prepared a public dataset containing data for felony counts sentenced in the District of Columbia Superior Court from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2020. The dataset was produced on January 2021. The dataset contains all felony counts initially sentenced from 2010 through 2020 (N=24,676 counts in 18,249 cases filed against 15,875 defendants) and includes demographic information such as gender, race, and age, as well as sentencing information such as the offense, offense category, offense severity group, and the type and length of sentence imposed. This dataset has also been divided into separate Excel files by offense category. The offense categories are: Homicide, Sex, Violent, Weapon, Property, Drug, and Other.

Individuals interested in more extensive datasets may complete a data request form <https://scdc.dc.gov/page/data-request-form>.

It should be noted that data on sentence length is not available for homicide convictions with an indeterminate sentence due to the format of the data provided to the Commission.