

CODEBOOK

Legal Landscape Database

The Legal Landscape Database describes direct democracy provisions in American cities in 2005. The database includes the 1,000 largest cities in the country as well as the ten largest cities in every state. Data items include city name, FIPS code, population, and initiative status.

Please note the latest version is **20080504**. As the raw data are cleaned, additional variables will be added and errors may be corrected.

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Description of Variables

Data are organized with one city per row. Variables are in columns.

Column A. State Code (FIPS)

Column B. State Code (postal abbreviation)

Name	State Code (FIPS)	State Code (postal)	Name	State Code (FIPS)	State Code (postal)
Alabama	1	AL	Montana	30	MT
Alaska	2	AK	Nebraska	31	NE
Arizona	4	AZ	Nevada	32	NV
Arkansas	5	AR	New Hampshire	33	NH
California	6	CA	New Jersey	34	NJ
Colorado	8	CO	New Mexico	35	NM
Connecticut	9	CT	New York	36	NY
Delaware	10	DE	North Carolina	37	NC
District of Columbia	11	DC	North Dakota	38	ND
Florida	12	FL	Ohio	39	OH
Georgia	13	GA	Oklahoma	40	OK
Hawaii	15	HI	Oregon	41	OR
Idaho	16	ID	Pennsylvania	42	PA
Illinois	17	IL	Rhode Island	44	RI
Indiana	18	IN	South Carolina	45	SC
Iowa	19	IA	South Dakota	46	SD
Kansas	20	KS	Tennessee	47	TN
Kentucky	21	KY	Texas	48	TX
Louisiana	22	LA	Utah	49	UT
Maine	23	ME	Vermont	50	VT
Maryland	24	MD	Virginia	51	VA
Massachusetts	25	MA	Washington	53	WA
Michigan	26	MI	West Virginia	54	WV
Minnesota	27	MN	Wisconsin	55	WI
Mississippi	28	MS	Wyoming	56	WY
Missouri	29	MO			

Column C. Place Code (FIPS)

Column D. Population (Census estimate for July 1, 2005)

Column E. City name

Column F. Initiative availability

Code	Description
.	No information
0	Initiative is not available in city
1	Initiative is available for either charter amendments or city ordinances