Description of the Swedish district court data

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We have obtained this data from Pontus Mattsson at the end of 2020.

Some clarifications:
From an email from Pontus Mattsson dated 1 December 2020:
Notberj is “notarie” and “beredningsjurist”, i.e. law educated people working in the court with preparing cases and judging in “easier” cases.
“merge_next” means “court merge the year after”
“merge_this” means “court merge this year”
The zeros or blanks means that the court is not present that year, e.g. “Attunda” and “Bleking” are mergers created by a combination of other courts later. They are just there for a panel, i.e. they have an id each year even though they are not present.

These data have been used in following three articles of Pontus Mattsson:
Agrell, P.J., P. Mattsson, J. Månsson (2020) Impacts on Efficiency of Merging the Swedish District Courts, *Annals of Operations Research*, 288(2), 653-679.
Mattsson, P., J. Månsson, C. Andersson, F. Bonander (2018) A Bootstrapped Malmquist Index Applied to Swedish District Courts, *European Journal of Law and Economics*, 46(1), 109-139.
Mattsson, P., C. Tidanå (2019) Potential Efficiency Effects of Merging the Swedish District Courts, *Socio-Economic Planning Sciences*, 67, 58-68.

Agrell, Mattsson & Månsson (2020): Page 656. Table 1 provides some basic information on the mergers.

Table 1 Summary of mergers of Swedish district courts (Detailed information is presented in Table 7 in the “Appendix”)

Year	Mergers	Number of merged courts
2000	2	4
2001	9	24
2002	3	9
2004	4	8
2005	7	18
2006	2	4
2007	5	7
2009	4	9
All	36	83

Agrell, Mattsson & Månsson (2020): Page 673. Table 7 provides new court names and the underlying courts names, as well as the date of the merger. Initial courts and the new court name, i.e., sometimes the new court name is the same as one of the initial (normally the same as a bit larger city) and sometimes a completely new name is given (normally the name of the region).

Table 7 Date of the mergers

New court	Merged courts	Date
Sollentuna	Sollentuna and Jakobsberg	July 1, 2000
Hudiksvall	Hudiksvall and Ljusdal	October 1, 2000
Västmanland	Köping, Sala, and Västerås	April 1, 2001
Linköping	Linköping, Mjölby, and Motala	May 1, 2001
Örebro	Örebro and Hallsberg	June 1, 2001
Blekinge	Karlskrona, Karlshamn, Ronneby, and Sölvesborg	July 1, 2001
Falun	Falun, Hedemora, and Ludvika	September 1, 2001
Mora	Mora and Leksand	September 1, 2001
Skövde	Skövde and Falköping	September 17, 2001
Helsingborg	Helsingborg, Klippan, and Ängelholm	October 1, 2001
Ystad	Simrishamn and Ystad	November 26, 2001
Luleå	Boden, Luleå, and Piteå	January 28, 2002
Ångermanland	Härnösand, Sollefteå, and Örnsköldsvik	February 25, 2002
Lund	Eslöv, Landskrona, and Lund	April 15, 2002
Gävle	Gävle and Sandviken	April 26, 2004
Östersund	Sveg and Östersund	May 17, 2004
Uddevalla	Strömstad and Uddevalla	September 20, 2004
Vänersborg	Trollhättan and Vänersborg	October 4, 2004
Kalmar	Kalmar, Oskarshamn, and Västervik	January 17, 2005
Värmland	Arvika, Karlstad, Kristinehamn, and Sunne	February 7, 2005
Örebro	Lindesberg and Örebro	February 14, 2005
Hudiksvall	Bollnäs and Hudiksvall	June 1, 2005
Jönköping	Jönköping and Värnamo	September 1, 2005
Växjö	Ljungby and Växjö	September 12, 2005
Uppsala	Enköping, Tierp, and Uppsala	December 1, 2005
Ystad	Trelleborg and Ystad	January 1, 2006
Mölndal	Mölndal and Stenungsund	December 1, 2006
Attunda	Sollentuna and parts of Södra Roslagen	April 1, 2007
Södertörn	Parts of Handen, Huddinge, and parts of Stockholm	April 1, 2007
Nacka	Nacka, parts of Handen, and parts of Stockholm	April 1, 2007
Solna	Parts of Stockholm and parts of Södra Roslagen	April 1, 2007
Stockholm	Solna and parts of Stockholm	April 1, 2007
Skaraborg	Lidköping, Mariestad, and Skövde	January 12, 2009
Örebro	Karlskoga and Örebro	January 12, 2009
Nyköping	Katrineholm and Nyköping	April 27, 2009
Gothenburg	Gothenburg and Mölndal	October 19, 2009

These data have also been adopted in two articles and a paper of us:

Chen, X., K. Kerstens, M. Tsionas (2024) Does Productivity Change at All in Swedish District Courts? Empirical Analysis Focusing on Horizontal Mergers, *Socio-Economic Planning Sciences*, 91, 101787.

Chen, X., K. Kerstens (2023) Evaluating Horizontal Mergers in Swedish District Courts Using Plant Capacity Concepts: With a Focus on Nonconvexity, *RAIRO - Operations Research*, 57(1), 219-236.

Chen, X., K. Kerstens, Q. Zhu (2021) Exploring Horizontal Mergers in Swedish District Courts Using Convex and Nonconvex Technologies: Usefulness of a Conservative Approach, Lille, IESEG School of Management (Working paper 2021-EQM-05), 30 pp.

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