2007 Street Gang Survey of Municipal Police Agencies

Data Coding and Labeling Conventions

In each of the fifteen data files, column headings are labeled with the appropriate question number from the corresponding questionnaire. Exceptions to this general practice are as follows:

- In the Main Survey, we have created two dummy variables to encode attributes of the survey respondents and the type of police agency which patrols each municipality. These columns containing these variables are labeled Agency_Type and Respondent_Category. The numeric codes used are described below.

Code	Agency type
0	patrolled by State Police
1	patrolled by own municipal police department
2	patrolled by a neighboring municipal police department

Code	Respondent category
0	Chief or Director
1	Captain or Lieutenant
2	Sergeant
3	Detective or Patrolman
9	Could not be determined/not recorded

- For clarity's sake, column headings for Q. 6 response categories in the Main Survey are labeled with names of the specific gangs reported to be present, rather than 06_01, 06_02, 06_03, etc.

- In the Bloods sub-survey and the Crips sub-survey, column headings for Q. 5 response categories in the sub-survey are labeled with names of the specific gang "sets" reported to be present.