CODEBOOK
FSU Term Limits Data

Variable	Definition
Term	Term of the Court[1]
Cases	Number of original jurisdiction cases plus the number of petitions for certiorari (including paid cases and in forma pauperis cases) granted review per term[2]
Opinions	Number of signed opinions issued per term[3]
Age	Mean age of the Justices at the start of the term (in months)
Tenure	Mean tenure of the Justices at the start of the term (in months)
Budget	Budget appropriation to the Court for the fiscal year at the start of the term (in thousands of 1982-84 U.S. dollars)[4]
%<61	Percentage of Justices less than 61 years old at the start of term
%>68	Percentage of Justices more than 68 years old at the start of term
%<8	Percentage of Justices with fewer than 8 years of service at the start of term
%>13	Percentage of Justices with more than 13 years of service at the start of term
Dissent	Percentage of cases with at least one dissenting opinion per term[5]
1 Vote	Percentage of cases decided by a one-vote margin per term[6]
Taft	Dummy variable indicating whether William Howard Taft was Chief Justice (1 = yes)
Hughes	Dummy variable indicating whether Charles Evans Hughes was Chief Justice (1 = yes)
Stone	Dummy variable indicating whether Harlan Fiske Stone was Chief Justice (1 = yes)
Vinson	Dummy variable indicating whether Fred M. Vinson was Chief Justice (1 = yes)
Warren	Dummy variable indicating whether Earl Warren was Chief Justice (1 = yes)
Burger	Dummy variable indicating whether Warren E. Burger was Chief Justice (1 = yes)
Rehnquist	Dummy variable indicating whether William H. Rehnquist was Chief Justice (1 = yes)

[1] The term of the Court begins on the first Monday in October and ends on the first Monday in October of the next year.

[2] *See* EPSTEIN ET AL., THE SUPREME COURT COMPENDIUM: DATA, DECISIONS, AND DEVELOPMENTS (3d ed. 2003), tables 2-3, 2-4, 2-5 and 2-6. For 1926 to 1935, *Cases* includes only the number of petitions for certiorari granted review. For 1970 to 2001, the number of original jurisdiction cases is calculated as the number of filed cases on the original docket for the term minus the number of filed cases on the original docket for the prior term plus the number of disposed cases from original docket for the prior term.

[3] *See id*., table 2-8. The number of signed opinions does not include per curiam opinions issued after oral argument.

[4] *See id*., table 1-9. For 1926 to 1929, *Budget* is assigned a value of $2 million. For 1975 and 1976, *Budget* is adjusted to account for a change in the federal government's fiscal year end.

[5] *See id*., table 3-2. Due to ambiguity in the description of data prior to 1953, it is unclear whether such data represent the number of dissenting opinions or the number of cases with dissenting opinions.

[6] *See id*., table 3-4. *1 Vote* includes only cases decided by a 5-4 or 4-3 vote.