

Codebook for Syringe Possession Laws

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This codebook describes the variables in a dataset that examines variation in state laws regulating syringe possession. This is a longitudinal dataset, and captures laws in effect from July 1, 2012 through July 1, 2017. The jurisdictions selected for measurements are the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

This codebook should be used in conjunction with the data extract that can be downloaded from the dataset homepage by clicking on the “Data” button. Note that the data file contains two tabs. The “statistical” tab contains only the legal variables coded in the dataset, following the values as described in this codebook. The “summary” tab contains the legal variables coded in the dataset in text form, as well as any accompanying citations and caution notes.

There are four standard variables in every LawAtlas dataset. They are:

JURISDICTION

This is a dropdown selection in each coding form. It includes the jurisdictions coded in the dataset.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This date (MM/DD/YYYY) is the most recent effective date of the legal text captured for this place. The effective date represents the date the policy coded was put into effect.

VALID THROUGH DATE

This date (MM/DD/YYYY) is either the last date a law or policy was in effect prior to an amendment or the last date the researcher confirmed the law or policy was in effect during the research process.

LEGAL TEXT

This is a text box that captures all legal text relevant to the coding questions. This will not download into Microsoft Excel.

| Questions | |
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| Question 1: | Does state law prohibit possession of drug paraphernalia? |
| Question Type: | Binary - mutually exclusive |
| Variable Name 1: | poparayn |
| Variable Values: | 0, 1 |
| Value Label: | 0 = No |
| Value Label: | 1 = Yes |
| Question 2: | |
| Has the state removed references related to syringe from the definition of drug paraphernalia? | |
| Question Type: | Categorical - check all that apply |
| Variable Name 2: | poparaexyn_No |
| Variable Values: | 0, 1 |
| Value Label: | 0 = No |
| Value Label: | 1 = Yes |
| Question 3: | |
| Has the state removed references related to syringe from the definition of drug paraphernalia? | |
| Question Type: | Categorical - check all that apply |
| Variable Name 3: | poparaexyn_Yes, needles, syringes, hypodermic devices |
| Variable Values: | 0, 1 |
| Value Label: | 0 = No |
| Value Label: | 1 = Yes |
| Question 4: | |
| Has the state removed references related to syringe from the definition of drug paraphernalia? | |
| Question Type: | Categorical - check all that apply |
| Variable Name 4: | poparaexyn_Yes, injection or injecting |
| Variable Values: | 0, 1 |
| Value Label: | 0 = No |
| Value Label: | 1 = Yes |
| Question 5: | |
| Does the definition of drug paraphernalia explicitly exclude syringes, needles, hypodermic devices, or objects used for injecting drugs? | |
| Question Type: | Binary - mutually exclusive |
| Variable Name 5: | poparaneyn |
| Variable Values: | 0, 1 |
| Value Label: | 0 = No |
| Value Label: | 1 = Yes |

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| Question 6: | Are there exceptions to the law that would allow users to possess syringes in an effort to prevent blood-borne diseases? |
| Question Type: | Categorical - mutually exclusive |
| Variable Name 6: | poparaexcpst |
| Variable Values: | 0, 1, 2 |
| Value Label: | 0 = Not defined as illegal |
| Value Label: | 1 = Yes |
| Value Label: | 2 = No |
| Question 7: | What are the exceptions? |
| Question Type: | Categorical - check all that apply |
| Variable Name 7: | poexcpstst_For participants in syringe exchange programs |
| Variable Values: | 0, 1 |
| Value Label: | 0 = No |
| Value Label: | 1 = Yes |
| Question 8: | What are the exceptions? |
| Question Type: | Categorical - check all that apply |
| Variable Name 8: | poexcpstst_For people who acquire syringes from a pharmacy |
| Variable Values: | 0, 1 |
| Value Label: | 0 = No |
| Value Label: | 1 = Yes |
| Question 9: | What are the exceptions? |
| Question Type: | Categorical - check all that apply |
| Variable Name 9: | poexcpstst_For a limited number of syringes |
| Variable Values: | 0, 1 |
| Value Label: | 0 = No |
| Value Label: | 1 = Yes |
| Question 10: | What are the exceptions? |
| Question Type: | Categorical - check all that apply |
| Variable Name 10: | poexcpstst_For legitimate medical purposes, the prevention of disease or other similar justification |
| Variable Values: | 0, 1 |
| Value Label: | 0 = No |
| Value Label: | 1 = Yes |

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| Question 11: | Does state law require a prescription for adult possession of a syringe? |
| Question Type: | Binary - mutually exclusive |
| Variable Name 11: | presripsyr |
| Variable Values: | 0, 1 |
| Value Label: | 0 = No |
| Value Label: | 1 = Yes |
| Question 12: | Are there exceptions to the law that would allow users to possess syringes in an effort to prevent blood-borne diseases? |
| Question Type: | Categorical - check all that apply |
| Variable Name 12: | poparaseppartyn_Possession through syringe exchange programs |
| Variable Values: | 0, 1 |
| Value Label: | 0 = No |
| Value Label: | 1 = Yes |
| Question 13: | Are there exceptions to the law that would allow users to possess syringes in an effort to prevent blood-borne diseases? |
| Question Type: | Categorical - check all that apply |
| Variable Name 13: | poparaseppartyn_Possession through a pharmacy |
| Variable Values: | 0, 1 |
| Value Label: | 0 = No |
| Value Label: | 1 = Yes |
| Question 14: | Are there exceptions to the law that would allow users to possess syringes in an effort to prevent blood-borne diseases? |
| Question Type: | Categorical - check all that apply |
| Variable Name 14: | poparaseppartyn_Exception for limited number of syringes, needles, or hypodermic devices |
| Variable Values: | 0, 1 |
| Value Label: | 0 = No |
| Value Label: | 1 = Yes |
| Question 15: | Are there exceptions to the law that would allow users to possess syringes in an effort to prevent blood-borne diseases? |
| Question Type: | Categorical - check all that apply |
| Variable Name 15: | poparaseppartyn_Exception for legitimate medical purposes, the prevention of disease, or other similar justification |
| Variable Values: | 0, 1 |
| Value Label: | 0 = No |

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| Value Label: | 1 = Yes |
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| Question 16: | Does state law ban possession of controlled substances? |
| Question Type: | Binary - mutually exclusive |
| Variable Name 16: | dpyn |
| Variable Values: | 0, 1 |
| Value Label: | 0 = No |
| Value Label: | 1 = Yes |
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| Question 17: | Has a state court interpreted what amount would constitute a crime? |
| Question Type: | Binary - mutually exclusive |
| Variable Name 17: | dpjudin |
| Variable Values: | 0, 1 |
| Value Label: | 0 = No |
| Value Label: | 1 = Yes |
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| Question 18: | What amount constitutes a crime? |
| Question Type: | Categorical - check all that apply |
| Variable Name 18: | dpjudhostams_Any |
| Variable Values: | 0, 1 |
| Value Label: | 0 = No |
| Value Label: | 1 = Yes |
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| Question 19: | What amount constitutes a crime? |
| Question Type: | Categorical - check all that apply |
| Variable Name 19: | dpjudhostams_Measurable or Identifiable |
| Variable Values: | 0, 1 |
| Value Label: | 0 = No |
| Value Label: | 1 = Yes |
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| Question 20: | What amount constitutes a crime? |
| Question Type: | Categorical - check all that apply |
| Variable Name 20: | dpjudhostams_Usable |
| Variable Values: | 0, 1 |
| Value Label: | 0 = No |
| Value Label: | 1 = Yes |
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| Question 21: | Is residue explicitly exempt from the ban on controlled substances? |
| Question Type: | Binary - mutually exclusive |
| Variable Name 21: | dpstatex |
| Variable Values: | 0, 1 |
| Value Label: | 0 = No |
| Value Label: | 1 = Yes |
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