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Description A data package containing public domain information on requests made by the 'MuckRock' (<https://www.muckrock.com/>) project under the United States Freedom of Information Act.

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agency_metadata	<i>Metadata about agencies subject to MuckRock Freedom of Information Act requests.</i>
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Description

A dataset containing metadata about the agencies subject to requests under the US Freedom of Information Act sent by MuckRock.

Usage

agency_metadata

Format

A data frame with 5773 rows and 15 variables:

agency_id The MuckRock internal ID of the agency.

agency_name The name of the agency.

avg_resp_time The average time taken (in days) for the agency to respond to a request.

avg_comms The average number of communications (emails, letters) with the agency per-request.

total_pages The total number of pages of material released by the agency.

total_requests The total number of Freedom of Information Act requests made by MuckRock to the agency.

awaiting_response The number of FOIA requests made to the agency that are awaiting a response from them.

awaiting_appeal The number of FOIA requests made to the agency that are awaiting an appeal of the decision of whether material could be released.

fix_required The number of FOIA requests where the request needs amending or redirecting.

payment_required The number of FOIA requests where the agency requires payment to process the materials.

no_response The number of FOIA requests where the agency has not responded.

completed The number of FOIA requests where the agency provided the requested materials.

partially_completed The number of FOIA requests where the agency provided *some* of the requested materials.

rejected The number of FOIA requests where the agency rejected the request.

withdrawn The number of FOIA requests where the agency rejected the request.

Source

<https://www.muckrock.com/>

See Also

[jurisdiction_metadata](#) which contains metadata about the jurisdictions in the MuckRock database, using similar formatting, and [request_metadata](#) for information about individual requests.

`jurisdiction_metadata` *Metadata about jurisdictions in the MuckRock database*

Description

A dataset containing metadata about the jurisdictions in the MuckRock database. Note that this is all jurisdictions - some of them have not necessarily received Freedom of Information Act requests.

Usage

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jurisdiction_metadata
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Format

A data frame with 33609 rows and 15 variables:

jurisdiction_id The MuckRock internal ID of the jurisdiction

jurisdiction_name The name of the jurisdiction.

avg_resp_time The average time taken (in days) for the jurisdiction to respond to a request.

avg_comms The average number of communications (emails, letters) with the jurisdiction per request.

total_pages The total number of pages of material released by the jurisdiction.

total_requests The total number of Freedom of Information Act requests made by MuckRock to the jurisdiction.

awaiting_response The number of FOIA requests made to the jurisdiction that are awaiting a response from them.

awaiting_appeal The number of FOIA requests made to the jurisdiction that are awaiting an appeal of the decision of whether material could be released.

fix_required The number of FOIA requests where the request needs amending or redirecting.

payment_required The number of FOIA requests where the jurisdiction requires payment to process the materials

no_response The number of FOIA requests where the jurisdiction has not responded.

completed The number of FOIA requests where the jurisdiction provided the requested materials.

partially_completed The number of FOIA requests where the jurisdiction provided *some* of the requested materials

rejected The number of FOIA requests where the jurisdiction rejected the request

withdrawn The number of FOIA requests where the jurisdiction rejected the request

Source

<https://www.muckrock.com/>

See Also

[agency_metadata](#) which contains metadata about the agencies subject to FOIA requests, using similar formatting, and [request_metadata](#) for information about individual requests.

muckrock	<i>muckrock: a data package for the Freedom of Information Act</i>
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Description

muckrock is a data package containing metadata associated with US Freedom Of Information Act (FOIA) requests, as aggregated and released by the [MuckRock project](#).

Details

the package's contents are:

[agency_metadata](#) Information about agencies that requests have been submitted to.

[jurisdiction_metadata](#) Information about jurisdictions covered by MuckRock's scope.

[request_metadata](#) Metadata associated with the actual FOIA requests.

request_metadata	<i>Metadata about requests in the MuckRock database</i>
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Description

A dataset containing metadata about the individual requests in the MuckRock database of Freedom of Information Act requests.

Usage

request_metadata

Format

A data frame with 18970 rows and 19 variables:

request_id The MuckRock internal ID of the request.

user_id The MuckRock internal ID of the user who submitted the request.

title The title of the request.

status The request's current status. Options are "no docs" (there is nothing to release), "appealing" (the decision to not-release is being appealed), "done" (the request is completed), "fix" (the request needs changes before it can be completed), "rejected" (the agency rejected the request), "partial" (the request was partially completed), "abandoned" (the requestor gave up), "processed" (the request is in the works), "payment" (the request requires payment to the agency), "submitted" (the request has been submitted, but no other action has been taken), and "ack" (the request has been acknowledged, but no other action taken).

jurisdiction_id The ID of the jurisdiction. Matches the ID in [jurisdiction_metadata](#).

agency_id The ID of the agency. Matches the ID in [agency_metadata](#).

date_submitted The date the request was submitted.
date_done The date the request was completed.
date_due The date a response is due from the agency.
days_until_due The number of days until the response is due.
date_followup The date of any followup.
is_embargoed Whether the results of the request are currently under an embargo.
date_embargo The date any embargo expire(s) on.
price The processing fee charged for the request.
description a description of the request.
tracking_id The tracking ID assigned to the request by the agency it was submitted to.
tags Any metadata tags associated with the request.
agency_name The name of the agency the request was submitted to.
jurisdiction_name The name of the jurisdiction the agency resides in.

Source

<https://www.muckrock.com/>

See Also

[agency_metadata](#) and [jurisdiction_metadata](#) for metadata on jurisdictions and agencies subject to FOIA requests, respectively.

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