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agency_metadata

Metadata about agencies subject to MuckRock Freedom of Information Act requests.

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- **withdrawn**: The number of FOIA requests where the agency rejected the request.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

`jurisdiction_metadata`

**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/](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.
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.

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(sld) 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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