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These convictions data come from the Department of Justice Public Integrity Section (<https://www.justice.gov/criminal/pin>), but it is sometimes difficult to find the really old data (to my knowledge, 1976 is the first year of data). Links to the original files are:

* <https://web.archive.org/web/20130112234651/http://www.justice.gov/criminal/pin/docs/arpt-1990.pdf> (has data for 1976-1990)
* <https://web.archive.org/web/20070815150000/http://www.justice.gov/criminal/pin/docs/arpt-2000.pdf> (data for 1991-2000)
* <http://www.justice.gov/criminal/pin/docs/2010-Annual-Report.pdf> (data for 2001-2010)
* <https://www.justice.gov/criminal/file/1216921/download> (data through 2018)

Many states have more than one "region" in the original data. One sheet in this spreadsheet has the original, unmodified regional data ("Raw"). The other sheet, "Convictions", combines regions in a state to produce state-year observations. Where regional data are missing, "N/A", they are treated as zeros for combining regions in a state. Because convictions is probably better measured on a per capita basis, another sheet, "Convictions\_per\_capita", provides that measure, and a final sheet, "Population" provides the denominator for the per capita calculations.

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Population data come from the US Census Bureau.