

Burlington Police Department Arraignment Data Dictionary

The BPD collected this data using court information and attending court hearings, all of which is available to the public. Due to the nature of data collection, errors are possible, however the data has been cleaned and inspected for incongruent information. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Stetson, Crime Data Analyst, at nstetson@bpdvt.org.

Variable	Type	Description
incident_num	character	Incident Number corresponding to the Valcour record management system.
defendant_id	character	Anonymized ID for each defendant seen at arraignment during the data collection period.
incident_date	date	Date of incident (format: YYYY-MM-DD)
arraignment_date	date	Date of arraignment (format: YYYY-MM-DD)
preAct164	logical	Flags whether an arraignment occurred before or after the 2018 bail reform went into effect on July 1, 2018. 1 = Before July 1, 2018 0 = On or after July 1, 2018
charge	character	Name of the most serious charge of all listed for a given arraignment.
num_charges	number	Number of charges for each arraignment Range = 1 to 15
felony	logical	1 = Most serious charge is a felony 0 = No felony charges included
expungeable	logical	Act 164 set a bail cap for offenses that are expungable misdemeanors, according to <i>13 VSA 7601</i> 1 = Expungable misdemeanor 0 = Not expungable (or eligible for bail cap)
any_bail	logical	Flag for any bail set 1 = Some amount of bail imposed 0 = No bail set
bail_amount	number	Amount of bail imposed, in dollars. If bail was not set the value is zero. Range: \$0 – \$250,000
num_conditions	number	Number of conditions a judge sets to ensure public safety at arraignment. Range: 1 - 9
did_not_appear	logical	Flag for a defendant not showing at arraignment. Could result in a judicial summons or an arrest warrant. 1 = Defendant did not appear 0 = Defendant was present
prior_appearances	number	Number of times a given defendant was arraigned at an earlier point in the data collection period. Range: 0 - 14
def_gender	character	Gender of defendant
def_race	character	Race of defendant
judge_id	character	Anonymized id for each judge presiding over an arraignment during the data collection period.