

## Readme file for the UCDP Monadic Conflict Onset and Incidence Dataset dataset

When using the dataset, please refer to the latest presentation of the data: *Themnér, Lotta & Peter Wallensteen (2014) Armed Conflict, 1946-2013. Journal of Peace Research 51(4)*, as well as the original citation for the data: *Gleditsch, Nils Petter, Peter Wallensteen, Mikael Eriksson, Margareta Sollenberg, and Håvard Strand. 2002. "Armed Conflict 1946-2001: A New Dataset." Journal of Peace Research 39(5)*.

Please consult the codebook for the *UCDP/PRIO Armed Conflict Dataset v.4-2014, 1946-2013* at: <http://www.pcr.uu.se/research/ucdp/datasets/> for information on definitions not provided here.

The onset dataset contains annual observations of all states in the international system, as defined by Gleditsch and Ward (1999) between 1946 and 2013. Thus, the data is monadic, an observation being a country-year.

The dataset contains all internal and internationalized internal armed conflicts (type 3 and 4) in the UCDP/PRIO Armed Conflict Dataset. The conflicts are located according to the government side in the conflict.

The file is as a plain ASCII CSV file (fields separated by , (comma), rows terminated by \n (standard UNIX/MacOS X row end). The CSV file can be opened and read by Microsoft Excel with no set-up whatsoever required (just by clicking on it).

### Versions

Two versions of the data exist, one containing conflict level variables and one containing dyad version datasets.

The difference between the two is that the conflict level data treats all variables at UCDP conflict level, whereas the dyad level treats all variables at the UCDP conflict dyad level.

For example, in the conflict level edition, `nototconfv413` will record a 1 for entry 700 (Afghanistan) in 1991, since the only UCDP Conflict active is the Afghanistan: government.

However, the same variable in the dyad-level edition will record a 4 for entry for entry 700 (Afghanistan) in 1991, since four UCDP conflict dyads (i.e. four non-state actors challenging the government) are involved in the UCDP conflict (Jam' iyyat-i Islami-yi Afghanistan, Hizb-i Islami-yi Afghanistan, Hizb-i Wahdat, Hizb-i Islami-yi Afghanistan - Khalis faction).

Similarly, the onset variables look at the onset and repeated incidence of UCDP conflicts in the UCDP conflict level edition and at the onset and repeated incidence of UCDP dyads in the UCDP dyad level edition

For further clarifications on the UCDP definitions of conflicts and conflict dyads, refer to: <http://www.pcr.uu.se/research/ucdp/definitions/>

Both file contains the following variables:

**year:** Year of observation.

**gwno:** Gleditsch-Ward country codes.

**incidencev413:** Incidence of intrastate conflict. Coded 1 in all country-years with at least one active conflict/conflict-dyad.

**newconflictinyearv413:** Coded 1 if the country-year contains a new conflict/conflict-dyad (not a new episode of conflict).

**numberofyearsonsetv413:** Number of years since last conflict/conflict-dyad onset. Coded -1 if this is a completely new onset, 0 if no new onset (either conflict inactive, or conflict active in past year).

**onset1v413:** Onset of an intrastate armed conflict/conflict-dyad, >25 battle deaths. Coded as 1 if this is a new conflict/conflict-dyad or there is more than one year since the last observation of the conflict.

**onset2cv413:** Onset of an intrastate armed conflict/conflict-dyad, >25 battle deaths. Coded as 1 if this is a new conflict/conflict-dyad or there is more than two years since the last observation of the conflict.

**onset5cv413:** Onset of an intrastate armed conflict/conflict-dyad, >25 battle deaths. Coded as 1 if this is a new conflict/conflict-dyad or there is more than five years since the last observation of the conflict.

**onset8cv413:** Onset of an intrastate armed conflict/conflict-dyad, >25 battle deaths. Coded as 1 if this is a new conflict/conflict-dyad or there is more than eight years since the last observation of the conflict.

**onset20cv413:** Onset of an intrastate armed conflict/conflict-dyad, >25 battle deaths. Coded as 1 if this is a new conflict/conflict-dyad or there is more than twenty years since the last observation of the conflict.

**maxintyearv413:** The intensity level in the country-year. Two different intensity levels are coded. 1: minor armed conflict/conflict-dyad (>25 deaths) 2: war (>1000). When there are several active conflicts/conflict-dyads in country-year, the variable codes the conflict/conflict-dyad with the highest intensity level.

**noterrconfv413:** Number of territorial conflicts/conflict-dyads in this country-year.

**nogovconfv413:** Number of government conflicts/conflict-dyads in this country-year.

**nototconfv413:** Number of total conflicts/conflict-dyad in this country-year.

**govonlyv413:** Coded 1 if the only active conflicts/conflict-dyads in this country-year is over Government. (Note: there can only be one conflict over the Government incompatibility in a country in a given year.)

**terronlyv413:** Coded 1 if all active conflicts/conflict-dyads in this country-year are over Territory. (Note: there may be one or more contested Territory incompatibilities in a country in a given year.)

**bothgovterrv413:** Coded 1 if both Government and Territory are actively contested in this country-year.

**sumconfv413:** Number of active armed conflicts/conflict-dyads in this country-year. Identical to nototconfv413, kept for backward-compatibility purposes.