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# UCDP Onset Dataset Codebook

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### **When using this data, please always cite:**

Gleditsch, Nils Petter; Peter Wallensteen, Mikael Eriksson, Margareta Sollenberg & Håvard Strand (2002) Armed Conflict 1946–2001: A New Dataset. *Journal of Peace Research* 39(5): 615–637.

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Always include the Version number in analyses using the dataset.

## **Introduction**

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Please consult the codebook for the *UCDP/PRIO Armed Conflict Dataset v.19.1, 1946-2018* at: <https://ucdp.uu.se/downloads/#d3> 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 2018. 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 CSV file, fields separated by ',' (comma).

## Variables in the Onset Dataset

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Variable name	Content	Type
<b>abc</b>	Country abbreviation	String
<b>name</b>	Name of location according to the government side in the conflict.	String
<b>year</b>	Year of observation	Integer
<b>gwno_a</b>	The Gleditsch and Ward country code	Integer
<b>newconf</b>	Coded 1 if the country-year contains a new conflict/conflict-dyad (not a new episode of conflict)	Integer
<b>onset1</b>	Onset of an intrastate armed conflict, >25 battle deaths. Coded as 1 if this is a new conflict or there is more than one year since the last observation of the conflict	Integer
<b>onset2</b>	Onset of an intrastate armed conflict, >25 battle deaths. Coded as 1 if this is a new conflict or there is more than two years since the last observation of the conflict	Integer
<b>onset3</b>	Onset of an intrastate armed conflict, >25 battle deaths. Coded as 1 if this is a new conflict or there is more than three years since the last observation of the conflict	Integer
<b>onset5</b>	Onset of an intrastate armed conflict, >25 battle deaths. Coded as 1 if this is a new conflict or there is more than five years since the last observation of the conflict	Integer
<b>onset10</b>	Onset of an intrastate armed conflict, >25 battle deaths. Coded as 1 if this is a new conflict or there is more than ten years since the last observation of the conflict	Integer
<b>onset20</b>	Onset of an intrastate armed conflict, >25 battle deaths. Coded as 1 if this is a new conflict or there is more than twenty years since the last observation of the conflict	Integer

## References

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Gleditsch, Kristian S. & Michael D. Ward. 1999. "Interstate System Membership: A Revised List of the Independent States since 1816." *International Interactions* 25: 393-413