

SIGLA: States and Institutions of Governance in Latin America

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Data Highlights

- This beta version of SIGLA includes data on additional institutions in the Judiciary and Other Court Systems institutional category in Brazil, Colombia, and Mexico.
- Institutions within the institutional category of Judiciary and Other Court Systems include:
 - Judiciary Overview;
 - High Courts; and
 - Ordinary Courts.
- For each institution, SIGLA provides:
 - Data on general characteristics, functioning, institutional positioning and interaction within the state, members, and leaders; and
 - Customized variables to capture important institution-specific data such as the channels of appeal involving Ordinary Courts and High Courts.
- Each institution includes a Body of Law variable that links to a set of important laws and regulations about the institution's creation and functioning.
- Furthermore, SIGLA updated data on Elections and Legislature in response to electoral changes in Brazil and Colombia.

Tech Highlights

- SIGLA's four browsing routes have been updated to include the new institutional category and institutions
 - The Browse by Country route allows users to explore one or more institutional categories and institutions for a single country.
 - The Browse by Institution route allows users to choose one institutional category and explore its institutions across multiple countries.
 - The Compare route allows users to compare any institution across different countries. Users may also use this feature to compare international institutions.
 - The Custom Browse route allows users to view data for individual variables associated with as many institutions and countries as they wish.

Website Highlights

- "Research Methodology" has been updated to reflect the addition of new institutions within the Judiciary and Other Court Systems institutional category.
- "Technical Codebook" explains how SIGLA structures data, introduces principles and types of variables, and lists all variables included in SIGLA version 3.1.



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