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This document describes the dataset LM2007

The file is a slightly abridged version of `headstart.dta` downloaded from <https://sites.google.com/site/rdpackages/replication/ctv-2017-jpam> which is a subset of that used by Ludwig and Miller and was provided for replication associated with Cattaneo, Titiunik, and Vazquez-Bare. Counties were deleted for which `povrate60` or `mort_age59_related_postHS` were missing.

The file contains observations on 2783 U.S. counties.
The variables are as follows

<code>povrate60</code>	County poverty rate in 1960, percent
<code>mort_age59_related_postHS</code>	Mortality, Ages 5-9, Head Start related causes, 1973-1983
<code>mort_age59_injury_postHS</code>	Mortality, Ages 5-9, Injuries, 1973-1983
<code>mort_age59_all_postHS</code>	Mortality, Ages 5-9, All Causes, 1973-1983
<code>mort_age25plus_related_postHS</code>	Mortality, Ages 25+, Head Start related causes, 1973-1983
<code>mort_age25plus_injuries_postHS</code>	Mortality, Ages 25+, Injuries, 1973-1983
<code>mort_age59_related_preHS</code>	Mortality, Ages 5-9, Head Start related causes, 1959-1964
<code>census1960_pop</code>	Census 1960: county population
<code>census1960_pcts1417</code>	Census 1960: % attending school, age 14-17
<code>census1960_pcts534</code>	Census 1960: % attending school, age 5-34
<code>census1960_pcts25plus</code>	Census 1960: % high-school or more, age 25+
<code>census1960_pop1417</code>	Census 1960: population, age 14-17
<code>census1960_pop534</code>	Census 1960: population, age 5-34
<code>census1960_pop25plus</code>	Census 1960: population, age 25+
<code>census1960_pcturban</code>	Census 1960: % urban population
<code>census1960_pctblack</code>	Census 1960: % black population