Research Method s: Rural Appointed Representation in Texas

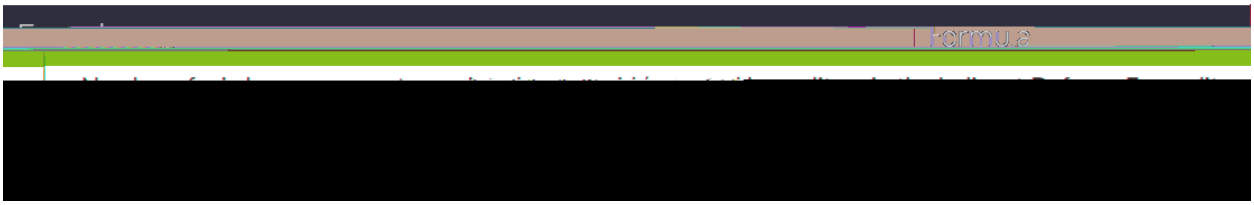
The data in this interactive map comes from the Texas Indigent Defense Commission (TIDC) and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). This document contains methodological notes on how the data were constructed and links to further resources .

Appointed Representation Rates

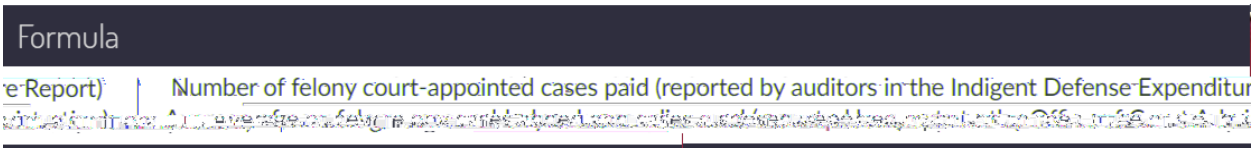
Appointed representation rates are published by TID C through the Commission's Data Portal at https://smartdefense.pprinet.tamu.edu where they are referred to as 'appointment rates.' They are computed annually ata. Because of the limitations inherent in this method, we regard these da but an approximate measure of the percentage of defendants represented by app counsel. Appointed representation rates can be broken down into those for misde cases and felony cases.

TIDC describes the calculation of these metrics as follows.

In Misdemeanor Cases:



In Felony Cases :



Adjustments to D ata:

Because appointment rates combine information from the Office of the Court Administration's Court Reports and the Indigent Defense Commission's Indigent Defense Expenditure Report, differences in collection periods, small numbers of cases, or reporting error by counties may