

## A collaboration example



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## Nerd Box: How we did this

### **Methods:**

This story is based on data from the [Deportation Data Center](#) at the University of California, Berkeley School of Law.

*Here's how we performed the analysis:*

- Saved the tables as a comma separated value (CSV) file.
  - Imported them into a Jupyter notebook using the Python library Pandas
  - Narrowed the tables to data that included the Denver area of responsibility, Colorado or Wyoming
  - In the case of detention data, a list of detention facilities in Colorado and Wyoming were used
  - Using unique identifiers to match with detention data, added the most serious conviction charge to the arrest data
  - Using unique identifiers to match with detainer data, added conviction dates and additional state data to the arrest data
  - Narrowed the arrest data to the time frame of Jan. 20 to June 26 for both 2024 and 2025
  - Removed 41 records where the state could not be determined
- Removed 28 duplicate records. Some duplicates in which individuals were arrested in both 2024 and 2025 remain in the data
  - Removed 25 records that appear to have come from other states
  - Used excel pivot tables to analyze the remaining 2,718 records

Some arrested people who were designated as having pending criminal charges at the time of their arrest had a conviction associated with them in the detention dataset. The Colorado Sun and WyoFile included those people, 17 in total, as having pending charges, so it is possible that our total number of convicted arrestees is an undercount

It is worth noting that there is no way to gauge the accuracy of this data. For instance, three of the records removed listed locations in Colorado or Wyoming, but apprehension states of Florida and Utah.

WyoFile and The Colorado Sun are publishing a spreadsheet containing the data analyzed [here](#).

