
Subject: Re: Women's Past Work (2004)

Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Tue, 16 Aug 2016 14:37:27 GMT

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Following is a response from Senior DHS Stata Specialist, Tom Pullum:

If you go back to the questionnaire for the 2004 survey ([https://www.dhsprogram.com/pubs/pdf/FR165/FR-BD04\[FR165\].pdf](https://www.dhsprogram.com/pubs/pdf/FR165/FR-BD04[FR165].pdf), pdf page 282) you will see that the household question on work does not separate out the past 12 months. I did a search for "work". On pdf page 333, Q 128 is about work in the past year. That's the closest I could find in the questionnaire.

In the Stata file (BDIR4JFL.dta) I entered "lookfor work". I see that v732 has some information about seasonality but I haven't found specifically the variable corresponding to Q 128.

These are generally the strategies to find something elusive--you do a word search through the questionnaire and/or a "lookfor" search through the data file.

Many questions in DHS surveys have evolved. There are also some variations from one country to another or from one survey to another. What you are looking for may simply not be in the 2004 data.
