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Subject: Re: Question about the occupation variable (v717)  
Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Thu, 01 Sep 2016 15:06:35 GMT  
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Following is a response from DHS Senior Research Associate, Wenjuan Wang:

v714 is whether the respondent is currently working. This variable comes from Question#807 in woman's questionnaire: "Aside from your own housework, have you done any work in the last 7 days?"

v717 is the occupation category, it's for women who are currently working (worked in last 7 days) or who have worked in the last 12 months; that is when v731=1 or v731==2

When v717 has a response but v714 is coded as not working, it means the woman did not work in the last 7 days but she could have worked in the last 12 months.

I suggest you to read the DHS recode manual for more details of a number of variables on working status and occupation:

[http://www.dhsprogram.com/pubs/pdf/DHSG4/Recode6\\_DHS\\_22March 2013\\_DHSG4.pdf](http://www.dhsprogram.com/pubs/pdf/DHSG4/Recode6_DHS_22March 2013_DHSG4.pdf)

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