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Subject: Re: Not in Universe - Woman Surveys  
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Good question. Glad you asked.

You are correct that "not in universe" means "the question does not apply to this person." Respondents are assigned "not in universe" due to skip patterns in the questionnaire. For example, a woman who says she does not work will not be asked whether she is paid in cash or in kind. She will show up as "not in universe" for the latter question.

You will find more exact information if you consult the "Universe" tab of a variable description. For example, DELDOC\_01 for Bangladesh 2011 has the Universe of: Ever-married women age 12-49 who gave birth in the 5 years before the survey. You get to this and all other tabs by clicking on a variables name.

Cases coded as "Missing" should theoretically have been covered by the question but have no response in the data. A woman who refused to answer a question would be coded as "Missing" for that variable; if an interviewer accidentally failed to ask a question to a woman theoretically covered by that question, then the woman would also be given a "Missing" response code.

Hope this helps.

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