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Subject: Re: Question about coding occupation variable  
Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Fri, 20 Dec 2019 14:28:23 GMT  
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Following is a response from DHS Research & Data Analysis Director, Tom Pullum:

There are many variables for which, in some surveys, codes that are not in the values label will show up in the data files. These illegal codes are usually 9, 99, or something similar, such as 8 or 95, which for other variables do have a legal interpretation, such as "Don't Know" or "Not at home" or "Not stated" or "Refused", etc. I recommend that you treat such codes as "Don't know". If very few cases have such a code, e.g. fewer than 1% of the total, I would omit them from an analysis, but if there are lot of them, I would consider keeping them as a separate category.

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