
Subject: Re: missing caste

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In the woman's questionnaire for NFHS-5, Question 115 asks "What is your caste or tribe?" The response codes are:

991 CASTE (Specify)

992 TRIBE (Specify)

993 NO CASTE/TRIBE

998 DON'T KNOW

(DON'T KNOW indicates that the respondent does not know her caste/tribe)

NO CASTE/TRIBE indicates that the respondent said that she does not belong to any caste or tribe. If the respondent says NO CASTE/TRIBE, she skips the next question (WQ116).

WQ 116 asks "Do you belong to a scheduled caste, a scheduled tribe, other backward class, or none of these?" The response codes are:

1 SCHEDULED CASTE

2 SCHEDULED TRIBE

3 OBC

4 NONE OF THEM

NONE OF THEM means that the respondent says that she does not belong to a schedule caste, scheduled tribe, or OBC.

In the NFHS-5 final report tables, the castes, tribes are scheduled caste, scheduled tribe, other backward class, other, and don't know. "Other" generally means that the respondent belongs to a caste/tribe, but not to a scheduled caste, scheduled tribe, or other backward class. That generally means that she belongs to a general class, which is usually a higher caste, but we cannot be certain about that since the only information we have is the response codes in the woman's questionnaire.
