Subject: Missing values for child weight and height
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Hello everyone,

I am using a birth recode file from India (IABR52FL.dta). Having dropped all dead children and those above the age of 5 years at time of the interview, I am left with 48,679 observations. I am interested in the reason why the variables for child's weight and height (i.e. hw2 and hw3) exhibit missing values in some cases. I have already tabulated the variable hw13 ("result of measurement - height/weight") yielding the following frequencies:

measured: 43,740
not present: 1,317
refused: 2,079
other: 268
no measurement found in household: 595
9: 680
Total: 48,679

I am puzzled by the categories "other" and "no measurement found in hh" which are not further explained in the recode manual. Could anyone please give me a hint what they mean (especially the latter one)?

Thank you very much in advance!

Best,
Christian