Subject: Re: Missing data
Posted by Bridgette-DHS on Fri, 11 Dec 2015 12:32:30 GMT
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Following is a response from Senior DHS Specialist, Tom Pullum:

There was a similar question on the forum earlier this week. You are almost certainly interpreting the "." code in the Stata files. As DHS uses that code, it always means "Not Applicable". Those values are NOT MISSING. The question(s) on which the variable is based were not asked. For example, if a woman has not had any children in the past five years, then all the variables for such children will be coded ".". Values that are missing because of nonresponse or invalid codes will be assigned 9 or 99, etc. There are rarely enough such cases for you even to think about imputation.