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Subject: PK DHS 2017-2018: Location where migrant moved to

Posted by [Inez Roosen](#) on Mon, 25 Jan 2021 15:59:27 GMT

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Dear all,

I am currently analyzing DHS Pakistan 2017-2018 for my research, and I would like to understand where the migrants in the households moved to.

Variables sh41u\_(migrant #) identify the general location where he/she moved to (city, district, or outside Pakistan).

And as a follow-up question to the general location of the migrant, the variables sh41n\_(migrant #) provide more specific information about the place where the migrant moved to. However, these are only values, and I cannot find the defined labels linked to these.

This information is also not available in the do.file related to the dataset.

Could you please inform me where I can find the defined labels for sh41n\_(migrant #)?

Many thanks in advance!

Best wishes,

Inez

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Subject: Re: PK DHS 2017-2018: Location where migrant moved to

Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Wed, 03 Mar 2021 19:25:15 GMT

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Following is a response from DHS Research & Data Analysis Director, Tom Pullum:

Unfortunately these responses are considered to be Personally Identifiable Information (PII) because they are specific to the district, which is administrative level 3 in Pakistan. In general, anything below admin 2 is considered PII. For that reason we cannot share the codes. You can estimate the volume of migration with just the numerical codes, even though you cannot identify the destinations. You can also tell from the relatively small frequencies that any estimates of migration rates that were specific for origin and/or destination would have high statistical uncertainty.

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Subject: Re: PK DHS 2017-2018: Location where migrant moved to

Posted by [Inez Roosen](#) on Mon, 03 May 2021 11:45:54 GMT

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Dear Bridgette,

Many thanks for your response; I had one small follow-up question.

After reading the DHS Pakistan report 2017-2018, I noticed the outcomes of emigration were

classified into four groups: "Middle East", "Europe", "North America", and "Other Countries" (I attached a picture for clarification to the email).

Of course, I understand I would not be able to receive the coding as this could reveal the PII. However, would it be possible to share the data file that includes the variable that refers to the general areas of emigration (Middle East, Europe, North America, and Other)? Or a selection of this data file including the coded general areas of emigration, hv001 (cluster number), hv002 (household number), and hv003 (respondent's line number)? In this case, I could merge my dataset with the general areas that already have been coded, and I have no information about the PII.

I really appreciate all the help you can provide.

Best wishes,  
Inez

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Subject: Re: PK DHS 2017-2018: Location where migrant moved to  
Posted by [Trevor-DHS](#) on Tue, 04 May 2021 20:24:20 GMT  
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Hi Inez

When sh41u == 3 (Outside Pakistan), the codes in sh41n are:

100-148 = Asia

200-247 = Europe

300-324 = North America, Central America and the Caribbean

401-414 = South America

501-555 = Africa

601-615 = Australasia and the Pacific

997/998 = Not included elsewhere or don't know

When sh41u == 2 (Districts in Pakistan), the codes in sh41n are:

101-136 = Punjab

201-229 = Sindh

301-325 = Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

401-432 = Balochistan

501-510 = Gilgit Baltistan

601 = Islamabad

701-708 = Federally Administered Tribal Areas

801-810 = Azad Jammu and Kashmir

I hope this helps.

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Subject: Re: PK DHS 2017-2018: Location where migrant moved to  
Posted by [Inez Roosen](#) on Wed, 05 May 2021 11:44:12 GMT

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Hi Trevor,

This is very helpful; thank you so much!

Best wishes,  
Inez

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