
Subject: Azerbaijan DHS 2006 Educational Attainment
Posted by [Dahab](#) on Wed, 29 Sep 2021 16:49:03 GMT
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Dear DHS Team,

I hope all is well! I have a question with regards to the 2006 DHS survey on Azerbaijan and would appreciate your help.

I am currently using the "AZPR52DT" file to look at individuals' highest level of education completed, not the highest level of education attended. There are, however, several variables capturing education and I am not particularly sure which one is the most relevant to my question. So far, I believe it is the "hv109" variable which is labelled as educational attainment on Stata. However, I would like to verify whether this is the highest level completed or attended? If it is not the highest level completed, can you please advise which variable it is?

I have checked the questionnaire accompanying the dataset but I am not sure. Your support would be highly appreciated!

Best wishes,
Dahab

Subject: Re: Azerbaijan DHS 2006 Educational Attainment
Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Thu, 30 Sep 2021 12:30:45 GMT
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Following is a response from DHS Research & Data Analysis Director, Tom Pullum:

hv106 and hv109 are categorical. They are similar, but hv109 has more detail than hv106. hv107 does not include all respondents, but hv108 does. So if you are looking for a categorical variable, hv109 would be best, and if you are looking for a numerical variable, I would recommend hv108.

Subject: Re: Azerbaijan DHS 2006 Educational Attainment
Posted by [Dahab](#) on Wed, 06 Oct 2021 14:28:58 GMT
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Dear Bridgette,

Thank you very much for your reply! I really appreciate it.

I would just appreciate some clarification on the hv108 and hv109 variables then, as I understand from hv109 that it is the highest level completed by an individual. However, in some case hv108 indicates that an individual has more years of schooling. For example, every time an individual has 10 years of schooling, it is coded as "complete secondary education", however, there are

cases when an individual has more than 10 years and it says "incomplete secondary education", how is this so? I assume if an individual has at least 10 years of schooling from hv108, then they should have completed secondary schooling?

Best wishes,
Dahab

Subject: Re: Azerbaijan DHS 2006 Educational Attainment
Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Thu, 07 Oct 2021 13:27:10 GMT
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Following is another response from DHS Research & Data Analysis Director, Tom Pullum:

One of the good things about DHS data is that it is not over-edited. In a large survey, some unusual things come up. For example, in many surveys there will be a handful of people who attended school for many years but didn't graduate, because they did not advance from one grade to the next in the prescribed pattern. You can decide whether to drop those cases or to force a reconciliation, by reducing the number of years attended or by saying they did graduate. It is possible that there was a coding error, but if something like this was not flagged and checked during fieldwork, it's up to you to deal with it.
