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Subject: missing observations

Posted by [theresa vanwingh](#) on Wed, 09 Mar 2022 15:39:51 GMT

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Dear

My name is Theresa Vanwingh. I am a master's student in economics.

I am currently writing my master's thesis on the determinants of the female labor force participation rate in Turkey.

Some time ago I requested 2013 and 2018 DHS data on your website and I have received access.

Now, however, I see some variables of vital interest to have zero observations, such as:

This in contrast to the reports on these data, describing in great detail the distribution of women over occupations.

This is quite a set back for my further research.

I was therefore wondering if there is a way to get acces to these data?

Thank you very much in advance!

Kind regards

Theresa Vanwingh

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Subject: Re: missing observations

Posted by [asya](#) on Sun, 10 Apr 2022 21:20:39 GMT

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Hello Theresa,

My name is Asya, and I am a sociology Phd student at the University of Texas at Austin. I am writing to see if you get a response to your request, I have a similar situation, where some of the main/importnat variables have no observations. I also want to ask you how you got access to the 2018 data set. I recently requested DHS data for Turkey, but I only received data up to 2013. I was wondering if I missed something. I would appreciate your answer!!

Thank you,  
Asya

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Subject: Re: missing observations

Posted by [theresa vanwingh](#) on Mon, 11 Apr 2022 19:17:37 GMT

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Dear Asya

I have requested the 2018 data via a different source:

[http://www.tnsaveri\\_tdhsdata.hacettepe.edu.tr/request.php](http://www.tnsaveri_tdhsdata.hacettepe.edu.tr/request.php)

You should get an email with a link to the download after your request.

This did not take long in my case.

Concerning the missing values, for me, some of the troubles were linked to opening the file in STATA.

I was able to retrieve the observations for some variables by opening the data in SPSS, cleaning the data there and then exporting the data to a .dta file.

Unfortunately, some observations -I know to be collected - are missing in my file.

I still have no idea what the issue is there.

Hopefully this is somewhat helpful to you, Good luck!

Theresa

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Subject: Re: missing observations

Posted by [asya](#) on Tue, 12 Apr 2022 15:16:33 GMT

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Dear Theresa,

Thank you so much for your detailed answer! This was very helpful, I just requested using the link! To clarify about the variables, when you open on STATA some variables had "no observations" but when you opened them on SPSS, you could see observations?

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Subject: Re: missing observations

Posted by [theresa vanwingh](#) on Wed, 13 Apr 2022 19:14:35 GMT

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Dear Asya

That is correct, in SPSS I was able to retrieve missing observations for some -but not all-variables.

Kind regards

Theresa

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Subject: Re: missing observations

Posted by [asya](#) on Fri, 15 Apr 2022 21:31:40 GMT

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Hello Theresa,

I was able to get the 2018 data from the institute. Thanks again for sharing the link with me! I wanted to ask an additional question if you don't mind. I only have STATA and I was able to make stata read the .sav files that I retrieved from the Turkish institute (as opposed to DHS, the Turkish institution only sent the .sav extension files). Because I don't have SPSS I wanted to learn from you which variables you managed to get using SPSS. If the variables that I am looking for are already not available even with the SPSS version, I would not try to find the SPSS program. For example, "ethnicity (v131)", "currently residing with a husband (v504)" or "respondent employed all year/seasonal (v732)" have no observations which don't seem right.

Thank you so much in advance,  
Asya.

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