
Subject: Migration data: number of visitors
Posted by [MG](#) on Thu, 01 Dec 2022 20:09:31 GMT
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I am trying to identify the migrants using the two following questions for Rwanda (2019-20):

1. years lived in place of residence (mv104 from men recode)
2. usual resident or visitor (mv135 from men recode)

If I tabulate both variables, I am getting different numbers for "visitors". mv135 has more observations in visitor category and mv104 has less in visitor category.

Why is this happening? I have the same issue with the women's file.

Subject: Re: Migration data: number of visitors
Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Mon, 05 Dec 2022 13:41:21 GMT
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Following is a response from Senior DHS staff member, Tom Pullum:

I see that there are 20 men who are classified as "visitor" on mv135 (mv135=2) and "always" on mv104 (mv104=95 rather than 96). This does appear to be an inconsistency. I would give priority to mv135, which is based on hv102 in the PR file. (I assume that that mv135 agrees with hv102, although I have not checked.) You should not over-write a standard variable, but I would use one or the other of the following (two lines in Stata) to make the correction:

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gen mv104_original=mv104
replace mv104=95 if mv135==2
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OR

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gen mv104r=mv104
replace mv104r=95 if mv135==2
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