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Subject: Work Experience Years Variable

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Hi everyone, I'm doing a regression analysis using DHS Pakistan 2017-18 data. My research investigates the impact of domestic violence (independent variable) on women's labor force participation. I have two questions:

- 1) I want to use # of years of work experience as a control. But I can't find such a variable in any of the recodes, only current employment status / status in past year / type of employment (seasonal etc.). Am I missing something? Any way to calculate this?
- 2) Do I need to only work with the sample of women that were selected and interviewed for the domestic violence module (v044==1 i.e. 4,085 women)?

Thank you!

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Subject: Re: Work Experience Years Variable

Posted by [Janet-DHS](#) on Wed, 31 Jan 2024 14:30:14 GMT

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Following is a response from DHS staff member, Tom Pullum:

You can look at the women's questionnaire in Appendix F of the final report, and look at the work-related variables in the IR file. This is not a standard variable but countries sometimes add questions.

I would be concerned about the reliability of a response to such a question and about the sequencing of work and DV. Also I expect that cumulative years of work experience would be highly correlated with other characteristics, such as age.

Thanks for using DHS data.

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