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Subject: v717

Posted by [Ashlesha Pal](#) on Wed, 11 Sep 2024 05:59:43 GMT

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I am using the variable v717 (standardized occupation) for comparison across India, Pakistan and Bangladesh. the recode manual says: "Standardized respondent's occupation groups. Agricultural categories also include fishermen, foresters and hunters and are not the basis for selection of agricultural/non agricultural workers. In countries, where it is not possible to differentiate between self employed agricultural workers and agricultural employees, no attempt has been made to use other information, and code 4 has been used for both categories. The analyst may wish to use other related information to differentiate between these two categories.

BASE: All women"

But after running the descriptive to in stata I am getting 2 categories of variables labeled agriculture (refer to the attached document). Please help me identify my mistake looking at the attached stata output.

Thankyou

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### File Attachments

1) [occupation query.docx](#), downloaded 48 times

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Subject: Re: v717

Posted by [Janet-DHS](#) on Mon, 16 Sep 2024 20:14:29 GMT

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

I believe you have appended the three IR files into a single file, with a code for "Country" added. Your problem is that the three surveys do not have the same coding of occupational categories. The BD and PK surveys have the same label, as follows:

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. label list V717
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V717:
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0 not working
1 professional/technical/managerial
2 clerical
3 sales
4 agricultural - self employed
5 agricultural - employee
6 household and domestic
7 services
8 skilled manual
9 unskilled manual
98 don't know
```

In these two surveys, agriculture is separated into self-employed and employee. However, the IA

survey has a different coding:

. label list V717

V717:

- 0 not working
- 1 professional / technical / managerial
- 3 clerical
- 4 sales
- 5 services / household and domestic
- 6 agricultural
- 7 skilled and unskilled manual
- 9 other
- 98 don't know

In the IA survey, agriculture is combined into one category, and there are several other differences in the assigned numerical codes.

When you append surveys, whichever survey you append last will over-write the other labels.

You need to do a recode. To have comparability, you will have to combine the two agriculture codes used in BD and PK, even though there will be a loss of information for those two surveys.

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