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Subject: Caste name codes Standard DHS, 1992  
Posted by [CBaysa](#) on Thu, 20 Nov 2014 20:16:56 GMT  
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Hi,

In the 1992 household survey there is a variable (h035) labeled "which caste head hh belong?" There are 220 unique code values corresponding to this question. Is it possible to get the actual caste name? As in, which caste each code is associated with?

I was unable to find this in the Dictionary Report.

Thank you in advance for any help.

Best,

Ceren

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Subject: Re: Caste name codes Standard DHS, 1992  
Posted by [Trevor-DHS](#) on Tue, 25 Nov 2014 23:07:08 GMT  
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The list of caste codes can be found in a file called CasteCodes.pdf that is included in any of the IAIR23???.zip files.

File Attachments

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- 1) [CasteCodes1.pdf](#), downloaded 810 times
- 2) [CasteCodes2.pdf](#), downloaded 833 times

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Subject: Re: Caste name codes Standard DHS, 1992  
Posted by [ambudon](#) on Sat, 11 Mar 2017 04:05:50 GMT  
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Yes. You are right. Thank you

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Subject: Re: Caste name codes Standard DHS, 1992  
Posted by [sumantra.pal@nic.in](mailto:sumantra.pal@nic.in) on Thu, 23 Nov 2017 05:17:24 GMT  
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Dear DHS-Expert

I could not open the casteCodes.pdf file as it shows up as an empty file. The exact error I get is "The file "CasteCodes (1).pdf" could not be opened because it is empty.". You may upload it again for the benefit of the forum users.

2. I want to merge 'ctresponse' from the caste/tribe file to CR or IR file. How to go about it?  
Best regards,  
Sumantra

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Subject: Re: Caste name codes Standard DHS, 1992  
Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Tue, 09 Jan 2018 13:13:50 GMT  
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Following is a response from Senior DHS Stata Specialist, Tom Pullum:

The IR file for this survey (IAIR32FL.dta) and the KR file include a variable s148 that is the caste of the household head. This is given as a number. The numbers range from 1 to 7370, with special codes 0, 9996, 9997, 9998, and 9999. About 8% of the women have special codes and another 12% are completely missing on s148. The labels for these codes are apparently given by the pdf file (CasteCodes.pdf) that you already have. I believe that what you want to do is to attach those labels to s148. This would require converting the pdf file to a text file that could be read by Stata. It is possible that someone has already prepared such a text file, but we at DHS only have the pdf file. If you have the text file, I can describe how to use it to attach labels to s148.

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Subject: Re: Caste name codes Standard DHS, 2015-16  
Posted by [v7tamrakar@gmail.com](#) on Mon, 30 Apr 2018 12:54:36 GMT  
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Dear Sir,

this kind of class or race distribution not possible in survey data.

The data from national family health survey 2015-16.

kids file.

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caste or tribe	Freq.	Percent	Cum.
caste	205,986	79.34	79.34
tribe	42,793	16.48	95.82
no caste/tribe	9,897	3.81	99.63
don't know	951	0.37	100.00
Total	259,627	100.00	

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Subject: Re: Caste name codes Standard DHS, 1992  
Posted by [sumantra.pal@nic.in](mailto:sumantra.pal@nic.in) on Tue, 01 May 2018 09:19:54 GMT  
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In NFHS-4 data, as downloaded from DHS, I do not find the castetribe.dta file. This file was available in NFHS-3 when I downloaded. The caste/tribe information was collected in the household (question 35), women's (question 115) and men's (question 117) in NFHS-4. I could not find the variables concerning those questions. I would be grateful if you could help me.

Best regards,  
Sumantra

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Subject: Re: Caste name codes Standard DHS, 1992  
Posted by [fredarnold](mailto:fredarnold) on Fri, 04 May 2018 00:46:45 GMT  
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Discussions are currently going on in India about when/how to release the caste/tribe data. Stay tuned. For your information, many users in the past have had a difficult time using the caste/tribe data from NFHS because there are so many different ways to spell the caste/tribe names in the file, so be prepared to spend a lot of time to decipher the caste/tribe names.

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Subject: Re: Caste name codes Standard DHS, 1992  
Posted by [sumantra.pal@nic.in](mailto:sumantra.pal@nic.in) on Tue, 06 Aug 2019 18:52:25 GMT  
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Dear Dr Fred Arnold  
I have been waiting for the caste-tribe data for NFHS-4 for more than a year and in the middle of my research for a doctoral degree program. I would be grateful if the caste-tribe data is released at an early date. In case, it has been already released (though I couldn't find it in the data folder), kindly let me know.  
Best regards,  
Sumantra

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Subject: Re: Caste name codes Standard DHS, 1992  
Posted by [fredarnold](mailto:fredarnold) on Thu, 15 Aug 2019 12:51:48 GMT  
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To be approved to access the caste/tribe data from NFHS-4, you will need to request permission from the Director of the International Institute for Population Science in Mumbai ([director@iips.net](mailto:director@iips.net)). If you receive permission, let us know so that we can release the file to you. However, even if you are granted permission, you will find the caste/tribe data very difficult to work with since the caste/tribe names were not coded in NFHS-4. Given all the different spellings of caste/tribe names, matching the castes/tribes with earlier NFHS surveys would be extremely difficult and time consuming.

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Subject: Re: Caste name codes Standard DHS, 1992  
Posted by [hwangii](#) on Thu, 11 Jun 2020 16:53:45 GMT  
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To whom it may concern:

my name is Sam Hwang and I am an assistant professor in economics at the University of British Columbia. Hope you are staying well in these difficult days.

As you instructed in the message above, I just got the permission from IIPS to access the caste/tribe data in NFHS 4. Here is their message:

Dear Sam,

We are happy provide you permission to access caste data from NFHS-, if you are able to get the data from the DHS. You may go ahead with acquiring the data.

Regards,  
James

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I wish I can just forward the email to you, but I was not able to find a way to directly message you. I can still do that if you let me know your email address.

Could you please let me know how to proceed to get the said data?

Also, I was wondering when the NFHS 5 will become available to the public?

Thank you,

Sam