
Subject: Country-specific codes for some variables
Posted by [Asnrakoto](#) on Tue, 14 Jul 2015 21:23:04 GMT
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Hello,
I am working on Madagascar's dataset and for the variables V130 (religion), V131 (ethnicity), V704 (husband's occupation) and V716 (respondent occupation), I could not find the codes in the recode manual nor in the recode map. They only say the questions and the answers are country-specific. I looked at the additional information coming with the dataset (in MS word format after downloading the datasets) but it doesn't give further information about those. How can I find the codes for these variables for Madagascar's 2008 DHS?
Thank you in advance.
Hasina.

Subject: Re: Country-specific codes for some variables
Posted by [Liz-DHS](#) on Fri, 17 Jul 2015 18:36:41 GMT
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Dear User,
I looked at the questionnaires for the Madagascar DHS 2008-09 survey. Of the variables you mentioned, the only one which was not asked was the question about ethnicity (V131). It was marked as not applicable because it was not asked in the questionnaire. The other variables; V130, V704 and V716 all have codes. If you look at the frequencies, you will see the codes there. There are two sets of frequencies which are weighted and unweighted. I looked at MDIR51.FRW which are weighted frequencies.
For example for V130 Item V130: Religion
... tbd-name: '.RECODE5.REC11.V130'

Categories	Frequency	CumFreq	%	Cum %
1 Catholic	6198	6198	35.7	35.7
2 Protestant	6191	12389	35.6	71.3
3 Muslim	123	12511	0.7	72.0
4 Traditional religion	407	12918	2.3	74.4
5 No religion	3463	16381	19.9	94.3
96 Other	992	17373	5.7	100.0
Missing	2	17375	0.0	100.0
TOTAL	17375	17375	100.0	100.0

Subject: Re: Country-specific codes for some variables
Posted by [Asnrakoto](#) on Fri, 24 Jul 2015 15:38:44 GMT
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Dear Liz-DHS,

Thank you for your reply, but I still do not know how did you do to show the codes. I am using SAS, I looked at the frequencies (by using PROC FREQ) and I added the LABEL command but nothing appears (it only shows the number by which each response was coded). If you could give me more information about that. Thank you for your comprehension.

Subject: Re: Country-specific codes for some variables
Posted by [Liz-DHS](#) on Fri, 24 Jul 2015 17:15:29 GMT
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Dear User,
I used Notepad (a text editor which comes with Windows Operating Systems) Clicked on File then Open. Notepad is looking for files with txt extension, but if you put *.* in the command line, it will list files with other extensions. I opened the file called MDIR51.FRW. I clicked on the file I was looking for. Then I clicked on Find (to get there click on Edit, then Find) and searched for V130. If you are working with SAS, you are most likely using MDIR52SD.zip. Best to unzip the files and if you want to look at the frequencies, you can use the method I just outlined above. I just now looked at V130 using MDIR51FL.FRW

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Subject: Re: Country-specific codes for some variables
Posted by [Asnrakoto](#) on Fri, 24 Jul 2015 17:26:39 GMT
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Dear Liz-DHS,
Thank you so much for your help! It worked.
Best,
Hasina.