Subject: Ghana 2104 getting started
Posted by KEKS on Fri, 29 Jul 2016 19:29:31 GMT
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I am having trouble just understanding what each variable name in the dataset represents. When I refer to the recode manual, not all the variable names are listed. What am I missing?

Thank you!

Subject: Re: Ghana 2104 getting started
Posted by Liz-DHS on Fri, 29 Jul 2016 20:59:44 GMT
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Dear User,
Please take a look at the documentation which was distributed with the dataset you are working with. It is also attached with this post. This will give you specific information regarding this survey's data set. It also includes a list of country specific variables. They normally start with the letter "S". Thank you!

File Attachments
1) GHIR70.DOC, downloaded 931 times

Subject: Re: Ghana 2104 getting started
Posted by KEKS on Fri, 29 Jul 2016 21:07:49 GMT
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Thank you! I saw this, but is there anything more detailed? Something that shows us what each variable means and what each response would correspond to?

Subject: Re: Ghana 2104 getting started
Posted by Liz-DHS on Fri, 29 Jul 2016 21:29:00 GMT
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Dear User,
You can take a look at the MAP file GHIR70.MAP and also take a look at the questionnaire in the back on the final report. Country specific variables generally follow what is in the questionnaire as far the value labels. Take a look at this variable from the map file.

SH34   How often to read   78   1   N   I   1   0   No   No
                    1 Few times a week
                    2 Once a week
                    3 Once a month

4 Every six months
5 Nobody reads
6 Other
8 Don't know
(m) 9 Missing
(na) Not applicable

Subject: Re: Ghana 2104 getting started
Posted by Trevor-DHS on Wed, 17 Aug 2016 22:57:49 GMT
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The SAS datasets should include formats that specify the labels for each value. I'm not a user of SAS, so I'm not sure exactly how these work. However, alternatively, in the zip file for the SAS versions you will find a .SAS file that includes all of the format statements that specify the labels.

Subject: Re: Ghana 2104 getting started
Posted by kingx025 on Sun, 22 Apr 2018 06:27:46 GMT
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The Ghana 2014 dataset is included in IPUMS-DHS, and you can use the "Sample Selection" feature to only show variables from that sample. From the select data page, choose your unit of analysis and then look at variables as displayed in the drop-down topical menus. If you click on the name of a variable (including the original DHS name for the variable), you will be brought to extensive information about the variable, including the (unweight4ed) codes and frequencies, the meaning of the variable, who was included in variable (universe), and the question text. To get started using the IPUMS-DHS website, consult the beginners User Guide, here: https://internal.idhsdata.org/idhs/user_guide.shtml

Some of the country-specific variables for this sample haven't been included in IPUMS-DHS yet, but you can learn a lot about many of the variables by consulting the website and variable-specific documentation.

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