Subject: country specific codes for v716
Posted by sebh on Mon, 05 Sep 2016 14:51:10 GMT
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Dear DHS staff / community,

I am trying to find country-specific detailed occupation codes [v716] for a number of the earlier
African DHS surveys.
For example, I am looking for codes for variable v716 of the IR dataset for Ghana, 1993.
(GHIR31). The broader occupation codes (v717) are labelled and identifiable. The more detailed
occupation codes (v716) are not. At least I can't find a label - neither in the data, nor in the recode
manual, nor the survey final report. The recode manual only mentions the codes are
country-specific. Somehow these code labels must exist somewhere since v716 was mapped into
v717 by someone.

I would be glad if you could point me in the right direction.

Many thanks

Sebastian

Subject: Re: country specific codes for v716
Posted by Liz-DHS on Tue, 06 Sep 2016 14:30:01 GMT
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Dear User,
The Ghana Statistical Service should have that information and may be willing to share that with
you. Just let them know you are a researcher and provide some information about your research.
Their email address is:mailto:info@statsghana.gov.gh
Other contact information for The Ghana Statistical Service:
Quote:
Additional information about the 2014 GDHS may be obtained from the Ghana Statistical Service,
Head Office,
P.O. Box GP 1098, Accra, Ghana; Telephone: 233-302-682-661/233-302-663-578; Fax:
233-302-664-301;

Hope this helps!
Thanks!

Subject: Re: country specific codes for v716
Posted by sebh on Tue, 06 Sep 2016 15:15:07 GMT
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Hi,

Many thanks for the quick reply. So there is no central list for all surveys? I encountered the problem for Ghana, but I suspect it may be present for other surveys also. If that's so, I understand that I would need to email all individual country statistical offices?

Best,

Sebastian

Subject: Re: country specific codes for v716
Posted by Liz-DHS on Tue, 06 Sep 2016 16:46:02 GMT
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Dear Sebastian,
I was able to go back and look at the application for Ghana DHS 1993 and found the following:

```
{ country specific }
 box           V716  => V717;
               0  => 0;
         1-16, 20-21  => 1;       {Prof, tech, related}
             30-39  => 2;      {Clerical}
             40-49  => 3;      {Sales workers}
               61  => 4;      {Agric, self employed}
         60, 62-65  => 5;       {Agricultural employee}
             52,54  => 6;       {Household & Domestic}
     50,51,53,55-59  => 7;        {Services}
       70-92,95,96  => 8;        {Skilled manual}
         94,97,98  => 9;       {Unskilled manual}
             998  => 98;      {Don't know}
         MISSING  => MISSING;   {Missing}
               => DEFAULT;
 endbox;
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I don't think this is enough and in this case the Ghana Statistical Service would be your best option. If you give me a list of the other surveys you are interested in, I can check to see if we have additional documentation for any of those.

Subject: Re: country specific codes for v716
Posted by sebh on Tue, 06 Sep 2016 20:06:58 GMT
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Hi Again,

You are right. This is not exactly what I would need but it is a start. I will go through the surveys one-by-one and check availability. I will post the list here.

Many thanks again for your help.

Best,

Sebastian

Subject: Re: country specific codes for v716
Posted by Liz-DHS on Tue, 06 Sep 2016 20:36:36 GMT
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Dear Sebastian,
If you have a list I can help check on this end to see what may be available. For example, for Liberia DHS 1986 there is an existing list of occupational codes that we were able to locate, so we put on our website and appended to the final report. Don't know if Liberia is one of the ones you are looking at.

Subject: Re: country specific codes for v716
Posted by sebh on Sat, 10 Sep 2016 14:11:30 GMT
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Dear Liz,

Apologies for the delay. I first went through a subset of the datasets that I am interested in but then decided to cover all of them. I attach what I think is a complete list for sub-Saharan Africa. It does not include all the IR and MR datasets for that country group, but only because the datasets missing from the list did not have information on occupation.

Specifically, I am interested in the labels for v704 and v716. I realize that this is probably too large a problem for you to address. However, I would be grateful for any information you may have that could help me in filling at least some of the holes.

Many thanks in advance,

Sebastian

File Attachments
1) DHS_detailed_occupation_coverage.xls, downloaded 738 times

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Subject: Re: country specific codes for v716
Posted by Liz-DHS on Tue, 20 Sep 2016 14:23:51 GMT

Dear User,
An email has been sent to the email address registered on the forum. Thank you for using DHS data!

Subject: Re: country specific codes for v716
Posted by Ilari on Thu, 22 Sep 2016 10:17:58 GMT

Dear Liz,

I am looking into exactly the same variables (v704, v716 and v717) and country group (Africa) as Sebastian. If I understand right, I need to contact country statistical offices to get information on the missing labels for v716. However, you might have some information available on how the v716 is re-categorized into v717? If so, I would be happy to get access to this information as well.

Best,

Ilari

Subject: Re: country specific codes for v716
Posted by Liz-DHS on Thu, 22 Sep 2016 13:17:55 GMT

Dear User,
Most of the occupation codes and their labels can be found in the Word document distributed with the data and the dictionary where you will see the full labels. After looking at these resources, if you have additional questions, please feel free post again. Thank you!

Subject: Re: country specific codes for v716
Posted by Ilari on Mon, 28 Nov 2016 11:32:08 GMT

Dear Liz,

Thank you for the quick reply. I have now taken a closer look at all of the resources you mentioned. I also made a list about the missing labels and compared it to the list that Sebastian posted earlier. His list is accurate and I would be interested to know if there is any way to find information on the missing labels of v716 mv716 and v704.

While investigating the labels I also found some inconsistencies in the grouped occupation variables (v717 and mv717). It seems that some occupations are categorized into different occupation groups depending on a country and a round of the survey. Here is an example:

Benin 2012 BJMR61FL.DTA mv716 Chauffeur categorized into mv717 Services.
Benin 2006 BJMR51FL.DTA mv716 chauffeur categorized into mv717 sales.
Mali 2013 MLMR6HFL.DTA mv716 Chauffeur categorized into mv717 Skilled manual.

Now, I would like to compare changes in the occupation groups over time in one country and between countries. However, if same occupations are not categorized consistently across the surveys, I will run into a problem. I could go around this problem by doing my own categorization based on the labels, but since they are not available for all, I would lose plenty of data.

Maybe I am missing something or whoever did the v717 and mv717 variables had some additional information. However, because of these concerns I would like to ask if variables v717 and mv717 can be used to compare different surveys. Furthermore, I would appreciate any additional information on the missing labels of v716, mv716 and v704 as presented in Sebastian's list.

Best,
Ilari

Subject: Re: country specific codes for v716
Posted by Liz-DHS on Fri, 09 Dec 2016 16:32:09 GMT
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Dear Ilari,
I believe we have resolved this post now. If there is something else outstanding, please post again.
Thanks!

Subject: Re: country specific codes for v716
Posted by rogitgarg4411 on Mon, 16 Jan 2017 05:15:18 GMT
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I am interested in the labels for v704 and v716.

Subject: Re: country specific codes for v716
Posted by Liz-DHS on Tue, 17 Jan 2017 14:14:43 GMT
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Dear User,
V704 Husband/partner's occupation
V717 Respondent's occupation
Thank you!