Subject: Education level in single years in CR
Posted by sammyladele on Thu, 13 Oct 2016 12:01:03 GMT
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Hello,
Please I'm using couples recode and I want to create an index for couples education level using number of years of completed schooling. I want to make the index in such that the categories will be 1. Same education 2. Husband has more education 3. Wife has more education. Thanks

Subject: Re: Education level in single years in CR
Posted by Bridgette-DHS on Fri, 14 Oct 2016 11:58:58 GMT
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Following is a response from Senior DHS Stata Specialist, Tom Pullum:

Quote:If you use single years of education, then this recode will not distinguish between, say, the husband having one year more or having ten years more. I would construct the difference as "gen eddiff=mv133-v133". I am intentionally subtracting the woman's v133 from the man's mv133 because (like it or not) in most countries this difference will be positive, and it is easier (for me at least) to work with differences that are usually positive than with differences that are usually negative. I would then do "tab eddiff". If you need to categorize, construct the categories from this empirical distribution so you get 3 or 5 or whatever number of categories that have similar numbers of couples. Better yet, use all the information--do not categorize, but just use the difference as an interval-level covariate.

Subject: Re: Education level in single years in CR
Posted by sammyladele on Sat, 15 Oct 2016 07:39:07 GMT
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Thanks Bridgette.

Subject: Re: Education level in single years in CR
Posted by Bridgette-DHS on Mon, 17 Oct 2016 13:37:30 GMT
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You're welcome!