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Subject: Understanding education completed in single years in Nigeria's Household Data 2013

Posted by [MuhammadMal14](#) on Wed, 05 Apr 2017 15:21:58 GMT

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Hello,

I am doing a research project on Nigeria and I am using the household survey data file from the year 2013 and 2008. In the 2013 household data file, you have multiple variables for education completed in single years from hv108\_01 to hv108\_35. I just wanted to ask you what do the numbers from 1 to 35 represent? And if I have to combine household data on education completion for the entire year do i have to sum up all of these variables from hv108\_01 to hv108\_35?

Thank you so much.

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Subject: Re: Understanding education completed in single years in Nigeria's Household Data 2013

Posted by [Liz-DHS](#) on Wed, 05 Apr 2017 16:52:24 GMT

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Dear User, A response from technical expert, Mr. Trevor Croft:

Quote:

1 to 35 are for each individual household member, with the maximum being 35 members in a household.

I would suggest that the user might want to use the Person's recode (PR) file. Where each household member has a separate record and thus you will only find hv108 without any suffix.

We also offer a series of YouTube videos to help users work with our data:[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLagqLv-gqpTMU3avInBDodTWCazUR\\_y4CT](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLagqLv-gqpTMU3avInBDodTWCazUR_y4CT)

The video series covers making sure you have the correct....

Video 1: Data File and Denominator

Video 2: Variables

Video 3: Recoding and Weights

Video 4: Software Specific Codes and Tabulation Commands

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Posted by [MuhammadMal14](#) on Sun, 16 Apr 2017 06:03:02 GMT

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Hello,

Thank you so much for your reply. I have an additional question. So if 1 to 35 represents the members of the household and we are just interested in the education of the household head then does \_1 represents the household head?

Thank you so much once again.

Best,

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Subject: Re: Understanding education completed in single years in Nigeria's Household Data 2013

Posted by [Liz-DHS](#) on Wed, 28 Jun 2017 10:56:16 GMT

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Dear User,  
Do you still need assistance with this post?  
Thank you!

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Subject: Re: Understanding education completed in single years in Nigeria's Household Data 2013

Posted by [kingx025](#) on Sun, 22 Apr 2018 19:44:34 GMT

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The person assigned the value for \_1 in the household file is usually but not always the household head. Note the following results giving the line number in the household roster of the household head across samples, using variable HV218.

[https://www.idhsdata.org/idhs-action/variables/HV218#codes\\_section](https://www.idhsdata.org/idhs-action/variables/HV218#codes_section)

In some samples, there is a one-to-one correspondence between household heads and persons assigned lineno 1, while other samples have exceptions (results based on the PR files). An alternative is using HV101, for relationship to household head, to identify household heads in the PR file (and use HV108 for education in completed years of schooling).

Incidentally, IPUMS-DHS just added household members as a unit of analysis in our database, so you may be able to make a data file for analysis using the PR data available from IPUMS-DHS (choose household members as the unit of analysis), as an alternative to working with the DHS PR files.

Miriam King

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