
Subject: Zimbabwe 2015 DHS migration variable (v105)

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The 2015 datasets have a variable called v105 described as "type of place of previous residence". The value labels are 1 for 'town' and 2 for 'city'. Is it possible to distinguish this by rural or urban location as is done for the variable v102 ("type of place of residence")? I would like to create a variable capturing whether an individual moved from a rural to a rural location or from a rural to an urban location, etc. How can I tell whether 'town' is referring to an urban or rural area?

Thank you in advance.

Subject: Re: Zimbabwe 2015 DHS migration variable (v105)

Posted by [Trevor-DHS](#) on Mon, 08 May 2017 20:38:11 GMT

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I believe these are incorrectly labeled. Coding for this variable should be:. lab list V105
V105:

- 0 capital, large city

- 1 city

- 2 town

- 3 countryside

- 4 abroad

However, in Zimbabwe 2015 the only categories in the questionnaire are Urban and Rural, which should have been recoded to codes 2 and 3 in this case (codes 0-2 being urban, and code 3 being rural). The good news for you is that code 1 means urban and code 2 means rural in the current dataset. This will probably be corrected in the next iteration of the dataset.
