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Subject: GHANA DHS2014 Variable v705  
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DHS Program,

Variable v705 of the Ghana DHS 2014 does not have category for women whose husbands were not employed. I am not sure if this was true of the enumerated sample or an error in capturing the data for this particular variable. Kindly advise on this variable.

I thank you in advance for your assistance.

. ta v705 //GDHS2014

husband/partner's occupation   (grouped)	Freq.	Percent	Cum.
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professional/technical/managerial	804	12.81	12.81
clerical	95	1.51	14.33
sales	543	8.65	22.98
agricultural - self employed	2,640	42.07	65.05
agricultural - employee	45	0.72	65.77
services	167	2.66	68.43
skilled manual	1,039	16.56	84.99
unskilled manual	942	15.01	100.00
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Total	6,275	100.00	

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Following is a response from Senior DHS Stata Specialist, Tom Pullum:

If you open the data file (GHIR70FL.dta) and enter the line "tab v705 v501,m" you will see that this variable applies to all ever-married women, even those who are widowed. It is coded "." for only 80 ever-married women, a little more than 1% of such women. The question and variable do not refer to current employment, or even to a specific reference interval of time, but to an occupational identity. That may not be quite what you are looking for, but that's how it is.... It is possible that the handful of cases coded "." for women who are currently living with their husband or partner could be interpreted that the husband is not currently employed or was never employed, but that is not explicit. I agree that the question could have had specific options for not currently employed or never employed, but v705 should be useful even without those categories.

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