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Subject: Caste variable in India DHS 2015-16

Posted by [v7tamrakar@gmail.com](mailto:v7tamrakar@gmail.com) on Tue, 01 May 2018 15:07:20 GMT

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The NFHS -IV (2015-16) percentage distribution of schedule caste among all other social groups which is not possible at all.

kindly help me in this variable.

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caste or tribe	Freq.	Percent	Cum.
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caste	1,054,369	80.40	80.40
tribe	201,840	15.39	95.79
no caste/tribe	50,568	3.86	99.64
don't know	4,704	0.36	100.00
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Total	1,311,481	100.00	

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Subject: Re: Caste variable in India DHS 2015-16

Posted by [fredarnold](#) on Thu, 03 May 2018 21:42:40 GMT

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You're not using the correct variable to obtain the frequencies for scheduled castes and scheduled tribes. V131 just shows how many women have report any caste in the first category, those who report any tribe in the second category, those who have no caste/tribe in the third category, those who don't know their caste/tribe in the fourth category, and missing cases in the fifth category. For women, you should be using S116, which shows scheduled castes (SC), scheduled tribes (ST), other backward classes (OBC), none of the above (which includes general castes), and don't know. At the household level, you should use SH36, and for men you should use SM118. I'm not sure why the number of weighted cases you are getting is so large, but see if you get the correct numbers when you switch to the variables suggested above.

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Subject: Re: Caste variable in India DHS 2015-16

Posted by [v7tamrakar@gmail.com](mailto:v7tamrakar@gmail.com) on Sun, 06 May 2018 10:11:07 GMT

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Thank You.

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Subject: Re: Caste variable in India DHS 2015-16

Posted by [Isha](#) on Tue, 24 Nov 2020 15:32:11 GMT

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Hello,

Thank you for sharing this information! I understand that for the IR file (women's) in the NFHS4, it is best to use the variable S116 for caste.

However, in my subset of the dataset (currently married women), I find that around 3.8 percent responses to S116 are 'missing'(unweighted). I was wondering what this means in terms of caste? It is difficult to believe that these many women could not be assigned a caste/tribe/response (as opposed to 0.3 percent missing in V131). I do not find any number of missing cases for other background variables like age and education so wanted to check withyou. I am attaching the table generated from SPSS.

Thank you!

Best,  
Isha

### File Attachments

1) [Screen Shot 2020-11-24 at 10.27.20 AM.png](#), downloaded 316 times

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Posted by [fredarnold](#) on Tue, 24 Nov 2020 18:32:44 GMT  
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In the NFHS-4 woman's questionnaire, Question 116 on SC, ST, OBC, NONE is skipped if the respondent says in Question 115 that she does not have a caste or tribe. Those are the "missing" cases that you see in variable S116. They may be foreigners who are in India or Indians who belong to certain religions or others who profess not to have a caste or tribe.

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