
Subject: Work questions

Posted by [Christelle](#) on Thu, 25 Oct 2018 10:48:20 GMT

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Hi,

I'm using the DHS 4 India and I do not understand why there are so many missings on the questions related to economic activities (v714, v719, v731...). I do not see any filter on the questionnaire so it looks like all sampled women should answer to these questions. They also come with husband's characteristics, for which there are many missings.

For instance,
ta v714, mis
gives:

respondent currently working	Freq.	Percent	Cum.
+-----+			
no	93,713	13.39	13.39
yes	28,638	4.09	17.49
.	577,335	82.51	100.00
+-----+			
Total	699,686	100.00	

Have you seen any information on the fact that this series of questions is answered only by a subsample?

Thanks for your help,
Christelle

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Posted by [boyle014](#) on Fri, 02 Nov 2018 12:28:11 GMT

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The documentation at IPUMS DHS is useful for answering questions like this.

If you select the India 2015 survey and navigate to the work variables (TOPICS -> SOCIOECONOMIC STATUS -> WORK), each variable name is a hot link. Click on the name, and you will see a series of tabs across the top of the page. The UNIVERSE tab is especially helpful for answering questions like the one you are asking.

For V714 (called "currwork" in IPUMS DHS), the UNIVERSE information reads:
"Women age 15-49 in households selected for the state module."

So, the reason so many women are not in universe is because only a subsample of women were asked these questions.

By the way, please be sure to cite IPUMS DHS if you use our documentation tabs. Continued funding is important for us to be able to get ALL the DHS samples into IPUMS DHS, and citations are critical for that to happen!

Subject: Re: Work questions

Posted by [Christelle](#) on Fri, 02 Nov 2018 12:33:56 GMT

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Many thanks for your help - this is indeed very helpful.
