Subject: Questions about employment
Posted by anarinaldi on Tue, 13 Aug 2019 10:39:49 GMT
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Hello:

I have doubts about question v717 about work of woman. What kinds of job are categorized as "skilled manual" and "unskilled manual"?
Is it possible to find in any manual of DHS? I searched at manual recode and manual map, but i did not find.
Another question is about variables v714 (if the respondent is current working) and v717 (respondent occupation). We realized that women answered the question v717 even if they answered "no" in the question v714. Does question v717 indicate only the respondent's professional? Regardless if she works? What does this question mean?
Thank you so much,
Ana Elisa

Subject: Re: Questions about employment
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Following is a response from DHS Senior Project Manager: Kia Reinis & DHS Senior Technical Director: Trevor Croft:

The best way to understand data variables is to read the questionnaires to see what questions were asked and who was asked them. Questionnaires are printed at the back of final reports in an Appendix. The occupation question is asked of any woman who has worked in the last 7 days, but it is also asked of women who did not work in the last 7 days but have worked in the last 12 months. V717 corresponds to the occupation performed at that time, not the profession.

Coding of occupation categories is done by the implementing agency, which is usually a National Statistical Office, and they usually follow a coding system that includes country-specific occupations, that they may utilize in other data collection efforts, such as censuses. Often times that coding scheme is based on the International Standard Classification of Occupations (ISCO-08), or an earlier version. The ISCO-08 coding scheme can be found at https://www.ilo.org/public/english/bureau/stat/isco/isco08/. The major groupings are given in https://www.ilo.org/public/english/bureau/stat/isco/docs/str ucture08.docx. Major category 8 roughly translates to skilled manual, and major category 9 roughly translates to unskilled manual labor, although this can vary depending on the specific coding used in the country. DHS data are intended to provide only the broad categories and not the specifics of the occupations. There are many resources out there that discuss the differences between skilled and unskilled labor. One of the usual differences is that skilled labor is labor that requires training (which may include on-the-job training, or special education), while unskilled labor typically does not require beyond basic education and can be performed without any training

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Thank you so much for answers.