
Subject: Question about coding occupation variable
Posted by [Abraham2019](#) on Tue, 19 Nov 2019 17:54:43 GMT

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Please I have a question about the coding of the occupation grouped variable v717. Some of the countries have this variable with a value of 99 or 95. For example Nigeria2013, Nigeria2008, Ghana2008, Kenya2008 all have values of 99 for this variable and Kenya2008 also have a value of 95 for this variable. However, I cannot seem to find the labels for these values(99 or 95). Please what are the labels for these values? Thanks in advance.

Regards,
Abraham

Subject: Re: Question about coding occupation variable
Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Fri, 20 Dec 2019 14:28:23 GMT

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Following is a response from DHS Research & Data Analysis Director, Tom Pullum:

There are many variables for which, in some surveys, codes that are not in the values label will show up in the data files. These illegal codes are usually 9, 99, or something similar, such as 8 or 95, which for other variables do have a legal interpretation, such as "Don't Know" or "Not at home" or "Not stated" or "Refused", etc. I recommend that you treat such codes as "Don't know". If very few cases have such a code, e.g. fewer than 1% of the total, I would omit them from an analysis, but if there are lot of them, I would consider keeping them as a separate category.
