
Subject: Missing data

Posted by [vcostales](#) on Wed, 20 Mar 2013 19:13:25 GMT

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Hello,

I am looking at the Individual Recode and Household Recode files for the Philippines, Pakistan and Indonesia. The variables for age and education are all missing. Am I looking at the wrong data sets? We also checked the household member recode and that was empty as well. Has someone encountered this problem? Thanks in advance for your help!

Thanks,
Victoria

Subject: Re: Missing data

Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Wed, 10 Apr 2013 15:07:19 GMT

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You need to first check first to see whether the questions were asked in the household and individual questionnaires. Sometimes the questions are different from the standard, and they are renamed with a prefix "SH" followed by the question number (if asked in the household questionnaire), by the prefix "S" followed by the question number (if in the woman's questionnaire), and "SM" followed by the question number (if in the man's questionnaire).

You could also search for the string: "age" or "education" in the .map file, which is the data file layout or codebook. This file can be opened with any text editor.

Subject: Re: Missing data

Posted by [Valko](#) on Sat, 25 Oct 2014 15:03:44 GMT

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Hello.

What is a maximum allowable share of missing values in SPSS for including them into analysis? Why i am asking because in DHS-6 Kyrgyzstan, Males questionnaire, MV504 `Currently residing with a partner/wife` the missing values cover 39.5 per cent. At the same time, MV384B `On TV saw about Family Planning in the last few months`, the missing values constitute 0.1 per cent. Can i use the data from MV504 in the research?

thank you.
Valeriya

Subject: Re: Missing data

Posted by [Trevor-DHS](#) on Tue, 28 Oct 2014 14:25:06 GMT

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I think you need to review the questionnaire closely. Variable MV504 is only asked if the respondent is currently married or living together with someone as if married. You need to select the correct denominator before looking further at the data. Thus for MV504 you would use this only if MV501 is 1 or 2. If you tabulate MV504 with this condition you will see that there are 0.68% of values missing (code 9).

Subject: Re: Missing data
Posted by [Valko](#) on Wed, 29 Oct 2014 15:41:01 GMT
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Dear Trevor-DHS,

i am very thankful for your clarifications.

with kind regards,
Valeriya
