

Remarks for the database

Australia

Social capital

putnam: A large number of others have been recoded
help: A large number of others have been recoded

Background

age: 65+ estimated with real age distribution from Australian Bureau of Statistics
edu_length: Please note that some respondents have unusually long educations (up to 88 years). This is due to the fact that training undertaken as part of jobs has been included
inc_dol: We have yearly income so the income variable is divided by 12. Average exchange rate for September 2004: 1 Australian dollar = 0,70145 USD
capital: The 5 cities with more than 1.000.000 residents. That is Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth.

Chile

Background

social_p: Based on 'Situacion ocupacional' and 'Razon de no trabajo ni busqueda'
inc_dol: Average exchange rate for August-September 2003: 1 Chilean dollar = 0,00145 USD
capital: 'metropolitan area' on 'region'
rural: 'rural' on 'area'

Costa Rica

Social capital

putnam: A recoding has taken place.
Frequencies: some respondents has answered both week, month and year - the lowest yearly frequency is chosen
help: A recoding has taken place. If a respondent has answered two categories which has been putted into one it is registered as a dummy for the new variable but counted twice in num_help
q_8: The last question is missing

Background

edu_high: 'finished university studies' + 'postgraduate studies' on 'PC'
social_p: based on 'PDR'

inc_dol: This variable is not available for Costa Rica as we only have data for household income and these are not comparable to individual income.
inc_rel: Notice this is relative household income
capital: 'country's capital' on 'LOCA'
rural: 'rural area' on 'LOCA'

Denmark

Social capital

putnam: 'p_farmer' to 'p_other' are dummy variables meaning that we don't know if a person is a member of more than one of each type of organisation
This means that in 'num_org' we have the number of types of organisations
A recoding has taken place. 'p_ngo' is no longer a dummy variable
help: A recoding has taken place. If a respondent has answered two categories which has been putted into one it is registered as a dummy for the new variable but counted twice in 'num_help'

Background

age: We only have the age in categories. The average age in each category has been estimated using Statistic Denmark's data for citizen age.
edu_leng: The years of schooling has been estimated from the education category according to the following:
'No further education' = 9 years
'Vocational education' = 13 years
'Short further education' = 14 years
'Medium long further education' = 16 years
'Long further education' = 18 years
edu_high: 'Long further education' on spm 60 'Longest finished education'
inc_dol: Asked what income group respondent belong to. It is yearly income so numbers are divided by 12. Notice it is the before tax income
Average exchange rate for April 2001: 1 kr. = 0,11970 USD
capital: 'Storkøbenhavn' on 'Geografi'

Ecuador

Social capital

putnam: Please note that everybody is a member of at least one organization

Background

age: '18-24'=21, '25-34'=29, '35-44'=39, '45-59'=52, '60-65'=62
edu_leng: some of the respondents answer the length of only the last education
edu_high: 'Universidad completa' + 'postgrado' + 'tecnico artesanal' on 'nivel de educacion'

social_p: based on 'posicion social'
inc_dol: reported in dollars
capital: 'Quito' on 'Ciudad'
rural: 'area rural' on 'residencia'

Estonia

Background

edu_leng: The years of schooling has been estimated from the education category according to the following:
Elementary education = 3
Primary education = 8
Secondary education = 10
Vocational education = 11
College/university education = 15
edu_high: 'College/university education' on 'x5 your education'
social_p: 12 respondents say other to the original social position question – they are coded as not working for other reasons
inc_dol: Asked: How big was your personal income last month?
Monthly income in US dollars - average exchange rate for February 2002: 1 EEK = 0,05562 USD
capital: 'capital' on 'type of settlement'
rural: 'village' on 'type of settlement'

Hong Kong

Social capital

help: 11 categories of others have been recoded

Background

age: Note no one is older than 54
inc_dol: Average exchange rate for September 2004: 1 Hong Kong Dollar = 0,12841 USD

Iceland

Social capital

help: A recoding has taken place. If a respondent has answered two categories which has been putted into one it is registered as a dummy for the new variable but counted twice in num_help
6 respondents have mentioned 4 helpers. Because the maximum number of helpers one can mention in other countries is 3, 4 is recoded to 3.

Background

edu_high: 'University degree - Masters degree or more' on 'education'
social_p: Notice: The data from Iceland only allows us to distinguish between working, student and no answer. A category called home/invalid/unempl./pens. is set missing. Based on Occupation-Social position
inc_dol: monthly per capita income
One respondent say 1.000.000 one say 9.000.000. They are both set missing. We use the exact income if we got it. Otherwise we have used the category variable for income using the average income for those who have reported both. Average exchange rate for April 2003: 1 = 0,01304 USD
inc_rel: same as inc_dol
capital: 'Reykjavik' on regions
rural: 'village (less than 1.000 inhabitants)' + 'rural' on type of population center

Indonesia

Social capital

putnam: A recoding has taken place
help: A recoding has taken place

Background

inc_dol: Only household income so no dollar income only relative income
capital: Based on Type of population center: 'Jakarta utara'

Japan

Background

edu_length: The years of schooling has been estimated from the education category according to the following:
 graduated from the junior high school = 9 years
 graduated from the high school incompletely = 10,5 years
 graduated from the high school = 12 years
 graduated from the vocational school incompletely = 13 years
 graduated from the vocational school = 14 years
 graduated from the junior college incompletely = 13 years
 graduated from the junior college = 14 years
 graduated from the university incompletely = 15 years
 graduated from the university = 16 years
 graduated from the graduate course = 19 years
inc_dol: Average exchange rate for October-November 2004: 1 Yen = 0,00937 USD

Latvia

Social capital

putnam: No sport group category but a hard to say which are all sport groups so they are coded as sport group

Background

edu_leng: The years of schooling has been estimated from the education category according to the following:

Primary incomplete = 3

Primary complete = 8

Secondary = 10

Secondary special = 11

Higher = 15

social_p: based at 'x6 at present are you...'

inc_dol: Asked: What was your personal income in the last month?

monthly income in US dollars - average exchange rate for February 2002: 1 LVL = 1,56019 USD

capital: 'Riga' on 'type of populated area'

rural: 'Village, country' on 'type of populated area'

Lithuania

Social capital

putnam: Frequencies: some respondents has answered both week, month and year - the lowest yearly frequency is chosen

Background

edu_leng: The years of schooling has been estimated from the education category according to the following:

Primary = 9

Basic = 6

Secondary = 12

Special secondary (technical school)\Professional (trade) school = 12

High, uncompleted high = 15

edu_high: 'High, uncompleted' on respondents education

inc_dol: Personal income per month

monthly income in US dollars - average exchange rate for February 2002: 1 Lt = 0,25210 USD

capital: Combined of '>200.000' on 'size of area' and 'Vilnius' on 'Region'

rural: '<2.000' on 'size of area'

Malaysia

Background

edu_length: 40 respondents say 0 years of education although they answer that they have completed primary school. These respondents have got a length of education at 6 years, which is the length of primary education.

inc_dol: Average exchange rate for October 2004: 1 MYR = 0,26329 USD

New Zealand

Note lower age limit for respondents is 15

Social capital

putnam: Water/Waste has been seen as an environmental organisation so they have been recoded to NGO.

help: 3 categories of others have been recoded. One person mention 4 helpers => sat to 3 in num_help

c_voted: -7 means that person is below 18 so person are not allowed to vote

Background

age: 75+ estimated with real age distribution from Statistics New Zealand

edu_leng: Some unusually long as in Australia.

inc_dol: We have yearly income so the income variable is divided by 12. Average exchange rate for September 2004: 1 NZD = 0,65828 USD

Philippines

Background

inc_dol: Average exchange rate for August 15th to September 15th 2004: 1 Philippine Peso = 0,01791 USD

Poland

Background

age: Estimated from year of birth. It is the age of December 31st 2001 since the survey has taken place May 2002

edu_leng: The years of schooling has been estimated from the education category according to the following:
Attended primary school but not completed = 3 years

Primary = 8 years
 Vocational = 11 years
 Secondary = 12 years
 Post secondary (diploma) = 13 years
 Incomplete university / B. A. = 15 years
 University / M. A = 17 years
 edu_high: 'University / M. A' on 'M4 education'
 inc_dol: Asked: What is your average monthly net income? Please include all sources of your incomes: salaries, wages, pensions, social benefits
 Monthly income in US dollars - average exchange rate for may 2002: 1 zlotych = 0,24766 USD
 rural: 'village' on question 'mzam Community size'

Russia

Social capital

putnam: Frequencies: some respondents has answered both week, month and year - the lowest yearly frequency is chosen

Background

edu_leng: The years of schooling has been estimated from the education category according to the following:
 'Primary' = 8 years
 'Secondary' = 10 years
 'Higher, unfinished higher' = 15 years
 edu_high: 'higher, unfinished higher' on 'Education'
 inc_dol: This variable is not available for Russia as we only have data for household income and these are not comparable to individual income.
 inc_rel: Notice this is relative monthly household income
 capital: 'Moscow' on 'Federal district'
 rural: 'Rural' on 'Type of population center'

Singapore

Social capital

putnam: 2 others have been recoded
 help: Respondents can mention up to 14. We cannot see which are mentioned first so all are included

Background

age: Estimated with real age distribution from www.census.gov
 inc_dol: Average exchange rate for September 2004: 1 Singapore Dollar = 0,59649 USD

inc_rel: Based on household income since personal income has a lot of missing

Slovenia

Social Capital

putnam: A recoding has taken place. 'p_civic' is no longer a dummy variable

Background stacked

age: Estimated from year of birth. It is the age of December 31. 2000 since the survey has taken place June 2001

edu_high: 'high school, university'

inc_dol: Asked: Do you receive monthly income? If yes, what was your last income?
Last month income in US dollars - average exchange rate for June 2001: 1 = 0,00393 USD

capital: 'ljubljan' on 'tipnas'

rural: 'house, small village with up to 500 inhabitants'

Thailand

Background

inc_dol: Average exchange rate for October 15th to November 15th 2004: 1 THB = 0,02441 USD

Uruguay

Social capital

putnam: A recoding has taken place.
Only possible to mention 6 organizations

frequency: if the answer has been: '7 or more' it is taken as 7

Background stacked

age: Estimated from year of birth. It is the age of December 31. 2003 since the survey has taken place august 2003

edu_high: 'UnivComple' + 'Postgrado' on 'Estudios cursados'

social_p: based on 'Trabaja?'

income: Average exchange rate for August-September 2003: 1 = 0,03597 USD

capital: 'Montevideo' on 'area geografica'