

SISS84 Student background

FSECED and MSECED

This is information regarding variables 'FSECED and MSECED', that is, fathers and mothers education. According to value labels in SPSS the values shall be 1, 2, 3, 4, 98 and 99. In the international questionnaire value '1' stand for 9 year or less, '2' 10 years, '3' 11 years, and '4' 12 years and two missing values, 98 and 99. However, the dataset contains other values for most countries. Most likely these values show the actual years of schooling in each country respectively.

The data shows the following:

| Country | Values Pop I | Values Pop II | Values Pop III |
|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| All countries | | 6, 8, 10, 12 | |
| Australia | 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 | 9, 10, 11, 12 | 9, 10, 11, 12 |
| Canada, French | 98 | 98 | 98 |
| Canada, English | 98 | 98 | 98 |
| Finland | 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 99 | 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 99 | 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 99 |
| Great Britain | 98 | 98 | 98 |
| Ghana | - | 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13. | - |
| Hongkong | 1, 2, 3, 4, 99 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 99 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 99 |
| Hungary | 6, 8, 11, 12, 99 | 6, 8, 11, 12, 98, 99 | 6, 8, 11, 12, 99 |
| Israel | 1, 2, 3, 4, 99 | 98 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 99 |
| Italy * | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 99 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 99 | 10, 12, 99 |
| Japan | 98 | 98 | |
| Korea | 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 99 | 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 99 | 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 99 |
| Netherlands | - | 9, 10, 11, 12, 99 | - |
| Nigeria * | 9, 10, 11, 12, 99 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 99 | - |
| Norway | 98 | 98 | 98 |
| Papua New Guinea | - | 0, 3, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 99 | 0, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 99 |
| Philippines * | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 99 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 99 | - |
| Poland | 9, 10, 11, 12, 99 | 9, 10, 11, 12, 99 | 9, 10, 11, 12, 98, 99 |
| Singapore | 98 | 98 | 98 |
| Sweden | 7, 8, 10, 12, 99 | 7, 8, 10, 12, 99 | 7, 8, 10, 12, 99 |
| Thailand | - | 9, 10, 11, 12, 99 | 9, 10, 11, 12, 99 |
| United States | 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 99 | 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 99 | 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 98, 99 |
| Zimbabwe | - | 1, 2, 4, 99 | - |

- Italy, Nigeria and Philippines have five values instead of four. Probably the value five is responding to long education (12 years) and the other values is shorter educations.

In the data files an original question about mothers and fathers education has been split into two variables each. The above mentioned variables showing education up to and including secondary education and variables that shows post-secondary education named FPOSTED and MPOSTED.

The original question is shown below.

TABLE 18
Mother's and Father's Highest Level of School Completed

| Level of Schooling | Percent of Students Responding by Grade or Course | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | 5 | 9 | B1 | C1 | B2 | C2 | P2 |
| A Do not live with father (or step-father or male guardian). | 7.5 | 4.4 | 5.2 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.6 | 0.7 |
| Do not live with mother (or step-mother or female guardian). | 1.2 | 1.1 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 1.3 | 0.0 |
| B Grade school. | | | | | | | |
| Father: | 3.2 | 3.4 | 2.4 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 1.6 |
| Mother: | 2.2 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 2.0 | 1.1 | 2.5 | 1.9 |
| C Some high school. | | | | | | | |
| Father: | 4.9 | 9.7 | 7.0 | 5.4 | 5.9 | 4.7 | 3.8 |
| Mother: | 4.7 | 9.1 | 6.8 | 5.4 | 7.6 | 3.8 | 2.1 |
| D High school. | | | | | | | |
| Father: | 14.9 | 24.4 | 22.2 | 22.0 | 22.3 | 21.1 | 12.5 |
| Mother: | 21.1 | 35.5 | 32.9 | 31.0 | 30.6 | 27.9 | 21.1 |
| E Some education after high school (a vocational, trade, or business school). | | | | | | | |
| Father: | 6.4 | 14.9 | 18.3 | 18.5 | 15.6 | 18.9 | 14.2 |
| Mother: | 8.9 | 15.9 | 20.2 | 21.2 | 20.1 | 20.2 | 17.0 |
| F College or higher. | | | | | | | |
| Father: | 32.0 | 32.0 | 37.1 | 44.6 | 48.0 | 48.8 | 66.0 |
| Mother: | 33.5 | 28.5 | 31.8 | 37.0 | 37.2 | 42.4 | 56.3 |
| G I don't know. | | | | | | | |
| Father: | 31.1 | 10.9 | 7.8 | 4.5 | 3.2 | 1.8 | 1.2 |
| Mother: | 28.4 | 7.4 | 5.5 | 3.3 | 2.9 | 1.8 | 1.6 |