

EASS 2008 Standard Background Variables

1. For Respondent

SEX: Sex of respondent
R: Sex

- 1 Male
- 2 Female
- 8 DK, refused

Comment: All respondents answer this question.

AGE: Age of respondent
R: Age

- 888 DK, refused

Comment: All respondents answer this question.

MARITAL: Marital status of respondent
R: Marital status

- 1 Married
- 2 Widowed
- 3 Divorced
- 4 Separated
- 5 Never married
- 6 Cohabiting
- 8 DK, refused

Comment: All respondents answer this question

RELIG: Religious denomination

R: Religious main groups

- 1 No religion
- 2 Roman Catholic
- 3 Protestant
- 4 Christian Orthodox
- 5 Jewish
- 6 Islam
- 7 Buddhism
- 8 Hinduism
- 9 Other Christian Religions
- 10 Other Eastern Religions
- 11 Other Religions
- 88 DK, refused

Comment: All respondents answer this question.

TOPBOT: 10 point top-bottom scale

R: Top bottom self-placement 10 pt scale

- 1 Lowest, 01
- 2 02
- 3 03
- 4 04
- 5 05
- 6 06
- 7 07
- 8 08
- 9 09
- 10 Highest, 10
- 88 DK, refused

Comment: All respondents answer this question.

Question: In our society there are groups which tend to be towards the top and groups which tend to be towards the bottom. Below is a scale that runs from bottom to top. Where would you put yourself on this scale?

URBRURAL: Type of community (urban-rural)

R: Self-assessment of community type

- 1 A big city
- 2 The suburbs or outskirts of a big city
- 3 A town or a small city
- 4 A country village
- 5 A farm or home in the country
- 8 DK, refused

Comment: All respondents answer this question.

CN_REG

JP_REG

KR_REG

TW_REG: Region (country-specific)

R: Region: [China/Japan/South Korea/Taiwan]

Country-specific variable

Comment: All respondents answer this question.

HAPPY: General happiness

R: General happiness

- 1 Very happy, 1
- 2 2
- 3 3
- 4 4
- 5 Very unhappy, 5
- 8 DK, refused

Comment: All respondents answer this question.

Question: In general, are you happy?

EDUCYRS: Education I – years of schooling

R: Education I: years of schooling

- 0 No schooling at all
- 88 DK, refused

Comment: All respondents answer this question.

DEGREE: Education II – highest education level/degree

R: Education II: highest education level

- 0 No formal qualification
- 1 Elementary school
- 2 Junior high
- 3 High school
- 4 Junior college
- 5 University
- 6 Graduate school
- 8 DK, refused

Comment: All respondents answer this question.

INSCHL: Still in school

R: Education I sub: still in school

- 0 Out of school
- 1 Still in school
- 8 DK, refused

Comment: All respondents answer this question.

WRKST: Current working status of main job (not secondary job)

R: Current working status

- 1 Wage employee
- 2 Employer
- 3 Self-employed without an employer
- 4 Helping family business
- 5 Having no current work income
- 8 DK, refused

Comment: All respondents answer this question.

FULLPART: Working full- or part-time

R: Working full- or part-time

- 1 Working full-time
- 2 Working part-time
- 8 DK, refused
- 9 NAP (Having no current work income)

Comment: This question is supposed to be asked to those who currently have work income (1, 2, 3, or 4 in WRKST).

WRKHRS: Average number of working hours per week

R: Working hours per week

- 888 DK, Refused
999 NAP (Having no current work income)

Comment: This question is supposed to be asked to those who currently have work income (1, 2, 3, or 4 in WRKST).

EMPCNTRT: Employment contract of wage employees

R: Employment contract of wage employees

- 1 Regular worker
- 2 Temporary worker
- 8 DK, refused
- 9 NAP (Not a wage employee)

Comment: This question is supposed to be asked to those who are wage employees (1 in WRKST).

WRKTYPE: Employment sector

R: Employment sector

- 1 Works for government organization
- 2 Works for public or non-profit organization
- 3 Works for private organization
- 8 DK, refused
- 9 NAP (Not a wage employee)

Comment: This question is supposed to be asked to those who are wage employees (1 in WRKST).

WHYNOWRK: Reasons for having no current work income

R: Reasons for having no current work income

- 1 Unemployed
- 2 Student, school, vocational training
- 3 Retired
- 4 Housewife,-man, home duties
- 5 Permanently disabled
- 6 Other (specify _____)
- 8 DK, refused
- 9 NAP (Having current work income)

Comment: This question is supposed to be asked to those who do not have current work income (5 in WRKST).

ISCO88: Occupation – four digit 1988 ISCO/ILO

R: Occupation ILO, ISCO 1988 4-digit

- 88888 DK, refused
99999 NAP (Having no current work income)

Comment: This question is supposed to be asked to those who have current work income (1, 2, 3, or 4 in WRKST).

CN_RINC

JP_RINC

KR_RINC

TW_RINC: Average monthly earnings from main job

R: Earnings from main job: [China/Japan/South Korea/Taiwan]

Country-specific variable

- 777777 Refused
888888 DK
999999 NAP (Having no current work income)

Comment: This question is supposed to be asked to those who have current work income (1, 2, 3, or 4 in WRKST).

CN_RINCX

JP_RINCX

KR_RINCX

TW_RINCX: Average monthly income other than main job

R: Income other than main job: [China/Japan/South Korea/Taiwan]

Country-specific variable

- 777777 Refused
888888 DK

Comment: All respondents answer this question.

HHDNUM: Number of household members
Number of household members

888 DK, refused

Comment: All respondents answer this question.

CN_HINC

JP_HINC

KR_HINC

TW_HINC: Total household income (monthly average)

Total household income: [China/Japan/South Korea/Taiwan]

Country-specific variable

7777777 Refused

8888888 DK

Comment: All respondents answer this question.

RLTVHINC: Household income compared to average household

Household income compared

1 Far below average

2 Below average

3 Average

4 Above average

5 Far above average

8 DK, refused

Comment: All respondents answer this question.

Question: Compared with [country/region] families in general, what would you say about your family income?

WEIGHT: Relative weight

Weight

1 No weight

Comment: All respondents answer this question.

2. For Spouse

SPAGE: [Spouse] Age

SP: Age

- 888 DK, refused
- 999 NAP (Not married)

Comment: This question is supposed to be asked to those who are married (1 or 6 in MARITAL).

SPEDCYRS: [Spouse] Education I – years of schooling

SP: Education I: years of Schooling

- 0 No schooling at all
- 88 DK, refused
- 99 NAP (Not married)

Comment: This question is supposed to be asked to those who are married (1 or 6 in MARITAL).

SPDEGR: [Spouse] Education II – highest education level/degree

SP: Education II: highest education level

- 0 No formal qualification
- 1 Elementary school
- 2 Junior high
- 3 High school
- 4 Junior college
- 5 University
- 6 Graduate school
- 8 DK, refused
- 9 NAP (Not married)

Comment: This question is supposed to be asked to those who are married (1 or 6 in MARITAL).

SPINSCHL: [Spouse] Still in school

SP: Education I sub: still in School

- 0 Out of school
- 1 Still in school
- 8 DK, refused
- 9 NAP (Not married)

Comment: This question is supposed to be asked to those who are married (1 or 6 in MARITAL).

SPWRKST: [Spouse] Current working status of main job (not secondary job)

SP: Current working status

- 1 Wage employee
- 2 Employer
- 3 Self-Employed without an employee
- 4 Helping family business
- 5 Having no work income
- 8 DK, refused
- 9 NAP (Not married)

Comment: This question is supposed to be asked to those who are married (1 or 6 in MARITAL).

SPFULLPT: [Spouse] Working full- or part-time

SP: Working full- or part-time

- 1 Working full-time
- 2 Working part-time
- 8 DK, refused
- 9 NAP (Having no current work income or not married)

Comment: This question is supposed to be asked to those who are married (1 or 6 in MARITAL) and whose spouse currently has work income (1, 2, 3, or 4 in SPWRKST).

SPWRKHRS: [Spouse] Average number of working hours per week

SP: Working hours per week

- 888 DK, Refused
999 NAP (Having no current work income or not married)

Comment: This question is supposed to be asked to those who are married (1 or 6 in MARITAL) and whose spouse currently has work income (1, 2, 3, or 4 in SPWRKST).

SPEMPCNT: [Spouse] Employment contract of wage employees

SP: Employment contract of wage employees

- 1 Regular worker
- 2 Temporary worker
- 8 DK, refused
- 9 NAP (Not a wage employee or not married)

Comment: This question is supposed to be asked to those who are married (1 or 6 in MARITAL) and whose spouses are wage employees (1 in SPWRKST).

SPWKTYPE: [Spouse] Employment sector

SP: Employment sector

- 1 Works for government organization
- 2 Works for public or non-profit organization
- 3 Works for private organization
- 8 DK, refused
- 9 NAP (Not a wage employee or not married)

Comment: This question is supposed to be asked to those who are married (1 or 6 in MARITAL) and whose spouses are wage employees (1 in SPWRKST).

SPNOWRK: [Spouse] Reasons for having no current work income

SP: Reasons for having no current work income

- 1 Unemployed
- 2 Student, school, vocational training
- 3 Retired
- 4 Housewife,-man, home duties
- 5 Permanently disabled
- 6 Other (specify _____)
- 8 DK, refused
- 9 NAP (Having no current work income or not married)

Comment: This question is supposed to be asked to those who are married (1 or 6 in MARITAL) and whose spouse does not have any work income (5 in SPWRKST).

SPISCO88: [Spouse] Occupation – four digit 1988 ISCO/ILO

SP: Occupation ILO, ISCO 1988 4-digit

- 88888 DK, refused
99999 NAP (Having no current work income or not married)

Comment: This question is supposed to be asked to those who are married (1 or 6 in MARITAL) and whose spouse currently has work income (1, 2, 3, or 4 in SPWRKST).

CN_SPINC

JP_SPINC

KR_SPINC

TW_SPINC: [Spouse] Average monthly earnings from main job

SP: Earnings from main job: [China/Japan/South Korea/Taiwan]

Country-specific variable

- 7777777 Refused
8888888 DK
9999999 NAP (Having no current work income or not married)

Comment: This question is supposed to be asked to those who are married (1 or 6 in MARITAL) and whose spouse currently has work income (1, 2, 3, or 4 in SPWRKST).

CN_SINCX

JP_SINCX

KR_SINCX

TW_SINCX: [Spouse] Average monthly income other than main job

SP: Income other than main job: [China/Japan/South Korea/Taiwan]

Country-specific variable

- 7777777 Refused
8888888 DK
9999999 NAP (Not married)

Comment: This question is supposed to be asked to those who are married (1 or 6 in MARITAL).

3. For Father

PAEDYRS: [Father] Education I – years of schooling

PA: Education I: years of schooling

0 No schooling at all

88 DK, refused

Comment: All respondents answer this question even if their father is deceased.

PAEDEGR: [Father] Education II – highest education level/degree

PA: Education II: highest education level

0 No formal qualification

1 Elementary school

2 Junior high

3 High school

4 Junior college

5 University

6 Graduate school

8 DK, refused

Comment: All respondents answer this question even if their father is deceased.

4. For Mother

MAEDYRS: [Mother] Education I – years of schooling

MA: Education I: years of schooling

0 No schooling at all

88 DK, refused

Comment: All respondents answer this question even if their mother is deceased.

MADEGR: [Mother] Education II – highest education level/degree

MA: Education II: highest education level

0 No formal qualification

1 Elementary school

2 Junior high

3 High school

4 Junior college

5 University

6 Graduate school

8 DK, refused

Comment: All respondents answer this question even if their mother is deceased.
