

Household Tabulations

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Tabulation of *Households* vs Tabulation of *Individuals*

- Most census tables count numbers of *persons* in various categories
- A few tables typically count numbers of *households* in various categories, however
- Households are potentially very complex entities; useful tables require careful thought not often given

Defining Variables for Households

- Some household variables derive from household questions, *e.g.*, presence of consumer goods of various types
- Others derive from questions on individuals
- *E.g.*, number of generations, sex of head of household, presence of spouse, intact nuclear family or not, number of persons literate in household, working couple or not

Economic Classification of Households

- A potentially important innovation in uses of census data is the provision of information on households relevant to *market research*
- *Literacy, educational attainment, economic activity status, and occupation* are all relevant; and of course information are wanted for *large numbers of small areas*

Relationships in Households

- Each pair of persons in a household stand in some relation to each other
- The *relation to head* question specifies some of these relationships
- Other relationships may be inferred from the relation to head and other information

Inferring Other Family Relationships

- Little work done in this area, good potential for innovation to make fuller use of data
- E.g., infer presence of absence of spouse if not incorporated in marital status question
- Brothers and sisters, cousins, uncles and aunts, grandparents and grandchildren; working relationships between generations

Questions?
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