



Worker Classification Knowledge Survey Public Use Data

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- [Worker Classification Knowledge Survey Volume I—Technical Report](#)
- [Worker Classification Knowledge Survey Volume II – Methodology Report](#)

Brief Description: Survey data files: 2014-2015 telephone interviews with 8,503 adult workers across the U.S.

List of Data files:

Filename: [worker_survfile_nopii.sas7bdat](#) (SAS; 8.96 MB)

Number of Variables: 260

Summary of Variables: [See Appendix A](#)

Number of Observations: 8,503

Link to data file specific codebook or documentation: NA

Source(s) of Data: Worker Classification Knowledge Survey

Links to Codebooks, Documentation, and Instruments:

- [Worker Classification Knowledge Survey Public Use File Documentation](#)

Time Period of Data Collection: Abt SRBI conducted telephone interviews in both English and Spanish from August 26, 2014, to March 9, 2015; 2,554 on a landline frame and 5,949 on a cell phone, for a total of 8,503 interviews.

Geographic Coverage: National (50 states or the District of Columbia)

Detailed Coverage: The target population for the Worker Classification Knowledge Survey was persons ages 18 and over who had worked for pay or profit within the 30 days prior to the interview. These individuals resided in one of the 50 states or the District of Columbia and had a landline or cellular telephone. Households reporting no workers over the age of 18 in the last 30 days screened out as ineligible for the interview. The recruitment protocol featured a maximum of 10 call attempts to landline numbers, and a maximum of eight call attempts to cell phone numbers. The average length of a completed interview was 18 minutes in the landline sample and 17 minutes in the cell phone sample.

Study Populations: Adult Workers

Available Disaggregations: Gender

Unit(s) of Observation: States and Individual



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Topics: Worker Protection, Labor Standards, and Workplace-Related Benefits

Research Method: Survey

DOL Partner Agency: Women's Bureau

Sampling Method: Random Assignment

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Appendix A

obs: 8,503 WORKER_SURVFILE_NOPII
vars: 260

variable name	storage type	display format	value label	variable label
qkey	str6	%9s		Sample key
qstate	str2	%9s		Sample Read-in State
empflag	byte	%10.0g		Exhaustive list of 16 scenarios that generate EMPFLAG
qgender	byte	%10.0g		QGENDER. [IF NECESSARY: I know this may sound awkward, but I have to ask: What i
qjobs	byte	%10.0g		QJOBS. In the LAST THIRTY DAYS, did you have more than one job [or business], in
Qjobhours	byte	%10.0g		QJOBHOURS. Do you USUALLY work 35 hours or more per week at your MAIN job?
Qtempstaff	byte	%10.0g		QTEMPSTAFF. At your main job do you work for a temporary or staffing agency?
Qemployer	byte	%10.0g		QEMPLOYER. At your [+MAINJOB+] job, are you employed by government, by a private
Qemp_2	byte	%10.0g		QEMP_2. Is this [+qemptx+] your family business?
Qself_title_1	byte	%10.0g		QSELF_TITLE_1. In the last 30 days did you work in your [+MAINJOB+] job as an in
Qself_title_2	byte	%10.0g		QSELF_TITLE_2. Do you usually refer to your work at your [+mainjob+] job as...?
Qcorp_1	byte	%10.0g		QCORP_1. Are you/is your business incorporated?
Qcorp_2a	byte	%10.0g		QCORP_2. Is your business...? a. an LLC
Qcorp_2b	byte	%10.0g		QCORP_2. Is your business...? b. a partnership
Qcorp_2c	byte	%10.0g		QCORP_2. Is your business...? c. a franchise
Qcorp_2d	byte	%10.0g		QCORP_2. Is your business...? d. a sole proprietorship
Qcorp_3	byte	%10.0g		QCORP3. Are you/is your business registered or licensed with the state?
Qchange_ne	byte	%10.0g		QCHANGE_NE. Were you treated as an employee in this job prior to the time you be



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Qemployee	byte	%10.0g	QEMPLOYEE. At your [+MAINJOB+] job, are you an employee?
Qchange_EE	byte	%10.0g	QCHANGE_EE. While working on this job, have you always been an employee?
Qcertain_NE	byte	%10.0g	QCERTAIN_NE. How certain are you that you are SELF EMPLOYED on your [+MAINJOB+] job?
Qcertain_EE	byte	%10.0g	QCERTAIN_EE. How certain are you that you are an EMPLOYEE on your [+MAINJOB+] job?
Qcont_1	byte	%10.0g	QCONT1. A few examples of services that can be contracted out include security,
qjobfind	byte	%10.0g	QJOBFIND. Did you use any type of agency to help you obtain your [+MAINJOB+] job?
qagency	byte	%10.0g	QAGENCY. What type of agency helped you obtain your [+MAINJOB+] job?
qrefer	byte	%10.0g	QREFER. How did you learn about the [+dumady+] that helped you obtain this job?
Qrequire_A	byte	%10.0g	QREQUIRE. To work at your [+MAINJOB+] job, were you REQUIRED to...? a. Sign a contract?
Qrequire_B	byte	%10.0g	QREQUIRE. To work at your [+MAINJOB+] job, were you REQUIRED to...? b. Create your own business?
Qsign_SP_A	byte	%10.0g	QSIGNSP. What type(s) of contract, form, or other legal document did you sign? a
Qsign_SP_B	byte	%10.0g	QSIGNSP. What type(s) of contract, form, or other legal document did you sign? b
Qsign_SP_C	byte	%10.0g	QSIGNSP. What type(s) of contract, form, or other legal document did you sign? c
Qsign_SP_D	byte	%10.0g	QSIGNSP. What type(s) of contract, form, or other legal document did you sign? d
Qsign_SP_E	byte	%10.0g	QSIGNSP. What type(s) of contract, form, or other legal document did you sign? e
Qsign_SP_F	byte	%10.0g	QSIGNSP. What type(s) of contract, form, or other legal document did you sign? f
Qindustry_code	byte	%10.0g	QINDUSTRYCODE. CHOOSE A CODE
Qoccup_code	byte	%10.0g	[INTERVIEWER: APPLY A CODE] QOCCUPCODE. What kind of work



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Qdutiesv	strL	%3076s	do you do, that is, wh [RECORD VERBATIM] (QDUTIES. What are your usual activities or duties at this job
Qtemp_1	byte	%10.0g	QTEMP1. Some jobs are temporary. They last only for a set number of weeks or mon
Qtemp_2	byte	%10.0g	QTEMP2. Provided the economy does not change and your job performance is adequat
Qtemp_1a	byte	%10.0g	QTEMP1A. Are you working only until a specific project is completed?
Qtemp_1b	byte	%10.0g	QTEMP1B. Were you hired for a fixed period of time?
Qtemp_1c	byte	%10.0g	QTEMP1C. Is your [+MAINJOB+] job SEASONAL or YEAR-ROUND?
Qoncall_1	byte	%10.0g	QONCALL1. These people are sometimes referred to as ON-CALL workers. Were you an
Qoncall_2	byte	%10.0g	QONCALL2. Some ON-CALL workers have regularly scheduled hours, but IN ADDITION m
Qdaylabor	byte	%10.0g	QDAYLABOR. Some people get work by waiting at a place where employers pick up pe
ernuot	byte	%10.0g	ERNUOT. Do you usually receive overtime pay, tips, or commissions at your [+MAIN
qwagecon	byte	%10.0g	QWAGECON. INTERVIEWER: CONFIRM AMOUNT: [+wag+]
Qpay_4	byte	%10.0g	QPAY4. Please tell me how you usually RECEIVE your pay from your [+MAINJOB+] job
qpaystub	byte	%10.0g	QPAYSTUB. Do you receive or have access to a pay stub or any document listing yo
Qdedspec_1	byte	%10.0g	QDEDSPEC. Please tell me if each of the following items is deducted from your pa
Qdedspec_2	byte	%10.0g	QDEDSPEC. Please tell me if each of the following items is deducted from your pa
Qdedspec_3	byte	%10.0g	QDEDSPEC. Please tell me if each of the following items is deducted from your pa
Qdedspec_4	byte	%10.0g	QDEDSPEC. Please tell me if each of the following items is deducted from your pa
Qdedspec_5	byte	%10.0g	QDEDSPEC. Please tell me if each of the following items is



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Qdedspec_6	byte	%10.0g	deducted from your pa QDEDSPEC. Please tell me if each of the following items is deducted from your pa
qdedconf	byte	%10.0g	deducted from your pa QDEDCONF. Just to confirm, you told me that at your [+MAINJOB+] job, you have no
Qdocument_a	byte	%10.0g	QDOCUMENT. Now I am going to ask you about the tax forms you get at your [+MAINJ
Qdocument_b	byte	%10.0g	QDOCUMENT. Now I am going to ask you about the tax forms you get at your [+MAINJ
Qdocument_c	byte	%10.0g	QDOCUMENT. Now I am going to ask you about the tax forms you get at your [+MAINJ
Qdocument_d	byte	%10.0g	QDOCUMENT. Now I am going to ask you about the tax forms you get at your [+MAINJ
Qdocument_e	byte	%10.0g	QDOCUMENT. Now I am going to ask you about the tax forms you get at your [+MAINJ
Qdocument_f	byte	%10.0g	QDOCUMENT. Now I am going to ask you about the tax forms you get at your [+MAINJ
qbehav1	byte	%10.0g	QBEHAV1. On your [+mainjob+] job, do you report directly to a manager, superviso
Qbehav1_a	byte	%10.0g	QBEHAV1_A. On your [+mainjob+] job, do you determine your own schedule or the ho
Qbehav1_b	byte	%10.0g	QBEHAV1_B. On your [+mainjob+] job, do you need approval for your schedule or ho
Qbehav1_c	byte	%10.0g	QBEHAV1_C. On your [+mainjob+] job, do you need permission to leave your place o
qbehav2	byte	%10.0g	QBEHAV2. On your [+mainjob+] job, how often does someone tell you how to perform
Qbehav2_1	byte	%10.0g	QBEHAV2_1. On your [+mainjob+] job, how often COULD someone direct HOW you perfo
Qbehav2_a	byte	%10.0g	QBEHAV2_A. On your [+mainjob+] job, are you required to wear a uniform including
qbehav3	byte	%10.0g	QBEHAV3. On your [+mainjob+] job, are you required to perform your job duties in
Qbehav3A	byte	%10.0g	QBEHAVE3A. Does the NATURE OF YOUR WORK require that you



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qbehav4	byte	%10.0g	provide these duties at QBEHAV4. Is there a job or procedures manual for the duties you perform that tel
Qbehav4A	byte	%10.0g	QBEHAV4A. How closely would you say you are required to follow the manual? Are y
QBEHAV5_A	byte	%10.0g	QBEHAV5_A. Has your [+mainjob+] job provided you with any training?
QBEHAV5_B	byte	%10.0g	QBEHAV5_B. Did you need to have any specialized education or training, apprentic
qfinan1	byte	%10.0g	QFINAN1. On your [+mainjob+] job, how much of your own money do you spend each y
qfinan1a	byte	%10.0g	QFINAN1A. Are you required to purchase or lease SPECIFIC TOOLS OR EQUIPMENT or d
qfinan1b	byte	%10.0g	QFINAN1B. Are you required to purchase or lease tools or equipment FROM A SPECIF
qfinan3	byte	%10.0g	QFINAN3. On your [+mainjob+] job, have you ever invested your own money where yo
QFINAN4_A	byte	%10.0g	QFINAN4. At your [+mainjob+] job, can you hire additional workers?
QFINAN4_B	byte	%10.0g	QFINAN4. At your [+mainjob+] job, can you change the way the business is run?
fintxt	byte	%10.0g	qfinan5 wording
qfinan5	byte	%10.0g	QFINAN5. In the event that the [+fintxt+] where you work loses money, would you
qrelate1	byte	%10.0g	QRELATE1. Besides your main job, do you perform similar paid work for others [IF
qrelate2	byte	%10.0g	QRELATE2. Are you required to get approval from your [+mainjob+] job in order to
qrelate3	byte	%10.0g	QRELATE3. Do you use your own funds to advertise your services, with a website,
QINTEGRAL	byte	%10.0g	QINTEGRAL. Are the duties you perform on your [+mainjob+] job a part of the regu
QINTEGRAL2	byte	%10.0g	QINTEGRAL2. You have indicated that you are either NOT an EMPLOYEE or NOT SURE i
Qcover_MW_A	byte	%10.0g	QCOVER_MW_A. To your knowledge,



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Qcover_MW_B	byte	%10.0g	is your [+mainjob+] job covered by... Minimum Wage coverage change if you became [+knowemp+]?
Qcover_MW_C	byte	%10.0g	QCOVER_MW_C. Under what conditions would your Minimum Wage coverage change?
Qcover_OT_A	byte	%10.0g	QCOVER_AO_A. To your knowledge, is your [+mainjob+] job covered by... Overtime p
Qcover_OT_B	byte	%10.0g	QCOVER_AO_B. Would your Overtime Pay coverage change if you became [+knowemp+]?
Qcover_OT_C	byte	%10.0g	QCOVER_AO_C. Under what conditions would your Overtime Pay coverage change?
Qcover_UI_A	byte	%10.0g	QCOVER_AU_A. To your knowledge, is your [+mainjob+] job covered by... Unemployme
Qcover_UI_B	byte	%10.0g	QCOVER_AU_B. Would your Unemployment Insurance coverage change if you became [+k
Qcover_UI_C	byte	%10.0g	QCOVER_AU_C. Under what conditions would your Unemployment Insurance coverage ch
Qcover_WC_A	byte	%10.0g	QCOVER_WC_A. To your knowledge, is your [+mainjob+] job covered by... Workers' C
Qcover_WC_B	byte	%10.0g	QCOVER_WC_B. Would your Workers' Compensation coverage change if you became [+kn
Qcover_WC_C	byte	%10.0g	QCOVER_WC_C. Under what conditions would your Workers' Compensation coverage cha
Qcover_OS_A	byte	%10.0g	QCOVER_OS_A. To your knowledge, is your [+mainjob+] job covered by... OSHA safet
Qcover_OS_B	byte	%10.0g	QCOVER_OS_B. Would your OSHA safety standards coverage change if you became [+kn
Qcover_OS_C	byte	%10.0g	QCOVER_OS_C. Under what conditions would your OSHA safety standards coverage cha
Qcover_SK_A	byte	%10.0g	QCOVER_SK_A. If you take time off from your [+mainjob+] job for family or medica
Qcover_SK_B	byte	%10.0g	QCOVER_SK_B. Would this change if you became [+knowemp+]?



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Qcover_SK_C byte %10.0g QCOVER_SK_C. Under what conditions would this change?
 QCOVER_WHY_MW byte %10.0g QCOVER_WHY_XX. You said your [+mainjob+] job is not covered by Minimum wage . Do
 QCOVER_WHY_OT byte %10.0g QCOVER_WHY_XX. You said your [+mainjob+] job is not covered by Overtime pay . Do
 QCOVER_WHY_UI byte %10.0g QCOVER_WHY_XX. You said your [+mainjob+] job is not covered by Unemployment insu
 QCOVER_WHY_WC byte %10.0g QCOVER_WHY_XX. You said your [+mainjob+] job is not covered by Workers' compensa
 QCOVER_WHY_OS byte %10.0g QCOVER_WHY_XX. You said your [+mainjob+] job is not covered by OSHA safety stand
 QCOVER_WHY_SK byte %10.0g QCOVER_WHY_XX. You said your [+mainjob+] job is not covered by Family and medica
 QReason_MW byte %10.0g QREASON_XX. Why not?
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 QReason_SK byte %10.0g QREASON_XX. Why not?
 QCOVER_SS_A byte %10.0g QCOVER_A_SS. Do you contribute to social security and Medicare tax otherwise kno
 QCOVER_SS_B byte %10.0g QCOVER_B_SS. How much of your gross pay OR what percentage, of your gross pay, d
 QCOVER_SS_C byte %10.0g QCOVER_C_SS. If you became [+ssemp+] how would your share of the FICA contributi
 QCOVER_SS_D byte %10.0g QCOVER_D_SS. Under what condition would this change?
 qagree byte %10.0g QAGREE. Earlier you indicated that you are [+agemp+]. Do you agree with this cla
 QAGREE_2 byte %10.0g QAGREE2. Earlier you indicated that you are [+agemp2+]. Do you agree with this c
 qthink byte %10.0g QTHINK. Based on your responses to earlier questions, we are unable to determine
 QEDUCATION_1 byte %10.0g QEDUCATION1. What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highe
 QEDUCATION_2 byte %10.0g QEDUCATION2. Last week, were you enrolled in a high school,



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qlgbt	byte	%10.0g	college, university QLGBT. Do you think of yourself as...
qmarital	byte	%10.0g	QMARITAL. Are you currently...
QPASTWEEK	byte	%10.0g	QPASTWEEK. In the PAST WEEK, did you work for pay or profit?
qunion	byte	%10.0g	QUNION. Are you a member of a labor union?
QHISPANIC	byte	%10.0g	QHISPANIC. Do you consider yourself to be Hispanic or [Latino/Latina]?
ql	byte	%10.0g	QL. Now we have some questions about languages you speak. Is [+qlan+] your nativ
QL_2	byte	%10.0g	QL2. How well would you say you UNDERSTAND English when someone is speaking to y
QL_3	byte	%10.0g	QL3. How well would you say you SPEAK English? Would you say...?
QL_4	byte	%10.0g	QL4. How well would you say you READ English? Would you say...?
t1	byte	%10.0g	T1. Now thinking about your telephone use, do you have a working cell phone?
t4	byte	%10.0g	T4. Is a cell phone your ONLY phone, or do you also have a regular landline tele
t6	byte	%10.0g	T6. Of all the telephone calls that you [+T6fill+] receive, are:
weight	double	%10.0g	Final Weight for Extended Interview Completes
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RPL003	double	%10.0g	RPL003
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RPL017	double	%10.0g	RPL017



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RPL069	double	%10.0g	RPL069
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pmisclass	byte	%10.0g	POSSIBLY MISCLASSIFIED
empflag2	byte	%10.0g	
ert_v1	byte	%10.0g	
Qage_recode	byte	%10.0g	
Qincome_recode	byte	%10.0g	
Qrace_recode	byte	%10.0g	
T2_recode	byte	%10.0g	
T3_recode	byte	%10.0g	
T5_recode	byte	%10.0g	
Qconfmj_recode	byte	%10.0g	
Qmainjob_recode	int	%10.0g	
Jobtenure	int	%10.0g	
Qself_num_rec~e	int	%10.0g	
Qchange_ne2_r~e	byte	%10.0g	
Qwage_recode	byte	%10.0g	
Qfirmssize_rec~e	byte	%10.0g	
Qcover_ss_bpa~e	long	%10.0g	
Qcover_ss_bpe~e	int	%10.0g	
Qoccupation	byte	%10.0g	



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QEDUCATION_re~e byte %10.0g