

Nepal Labour Force Survey 2008

Details of files

1. Folder and files

The folder and sub-folder structure is as follows:

D:\NLFS_II_Dataset\

Data	This sub-folder contains fixed-field ASCII data files.
Database_user	This sub-folder contains data files for database (dBase,FoxPro etc.) user.
SAS_user	This sub-folder contains syntax files for SPSS user.
SPSS_user	This sub-folder contains .dct and .do files to retrieve raw data into STATA.
STATA_user	This sub-folder contains program files to retrieve raw data into SAS.
Document	This sub-folder contains Data Dictionary, Questionnaire in English & Nepali version, Interviewer's manual in English & Nepali and Report.

2. Data Files

The raw data set of Nepal Labour Force Survey 2008 are organized into four separate ASCII files named **Household_Info.Dat**, **Individual_Info.Dat**, **Absentee_Info.Dat**, **Remittance_Info.Dat** which are contained in \DATA sub-folder. Each file corresponds to different major sections. While section 2 to section 6 was different section in the questionnaire but this section corresponding same the same individual, so we covered section 2 to section 6 in one data file named **Individual_Info.Dat**. In addition, in the **Individual_Info.dat** derived items which is developed during data analysis are also included.

Each file contains fixed-length records of the same type. The first seven columns of each record always have the same format:

- * Column 1 to 1 contains the Record Type.
- * Columns 2 to 5 contain the four digits PSU Number. PSU number ranges from 1001 to 1800.
- * Columns 6 to 7 contain the two digits Household ID. Household ID ranges from 01 to 20.

For instance, in each record of the Individual roster (information), absentee information and remittance sender each individual are identified with the two-digit ID code in column 8 and 9 respectively.

After the identifiers, the answers to questions (henceforth "the variables or item") are recorded, with a fixed-field structure described in the rest of this codebook, according to the following labels;

Item Name	is an internal variable name which is understood by computer application.
Item Label	is an detail description of Item Name .
Start	is the starting column of a variable in a data file.
Len	is the number of columns used by a variable.
Data Type	specifies the kind of data stored in the variable. The different types are: AN - Alpha Numeric types of variable or String variable N - Numeric types of variables
Item Type	Indicates whether the item is a part of another item or not. If the item is part of another item, it is considered a "subitem". If not, it is identified as an "item". I - means the variable is Item Sub - means the variable is Sub-Item or part of another item.
Occ	specifies the number of time the variable is repeated. All variable having one occurrence.
Dec	specifies the number of decimal places in the items.
Dec Char	specifies whether the item should be stored in the data file with an explicit decimal character. This applies only to items or subitems which have been defined with the "Dec" grater than zero.
Zero Fill	States whether the numeric data item should contain leading zeros or blanks.

Fixed-field data files are stored in the **\DATA** sub-folder, which can be extracted into different file system like SPSS, STATA, SAS etc.

3. Additional Data Files

Besides the four data files one additional data file named **Sample.dat** is also contained in the **\DATA** sub-folder described above. **Sample.dat** file contains the raising factors that are needed to obtain unbiased estimates from the sample and other useful information at the PSU level, such as district name, urban/rural, geographical areas etc.

4. SPSS User

For SPSS users, five SPSS syntax files with same name as fixed-field data files with .SPS extension are contained in the \SPSS_user subfolder. DATA LIST, VARIABLE LABELS, VALUE LABELS statements are described in these syntax files which is needed to load the corresponding data into SPSS.

5. STATA User

In the \STATA_user subfolder, five .DCT (dictionary) and five .DO files with the same name of data files are stored. Variable Definition (.dct file) , Label Define and Label value (.Do file) statements are needed to load the data into STATA.

6. SAS User

Five SAS program files with same name of data file are stored in \SAS_user subfolder for SAS user. Each program file describe infile, label, proc and value statements which are needed to load the data into SAS.

Note:- If the above mentioned folder and sub-folders are to be changed by the user, they are advised not to forget to modify the path in the syntax file or .dct and .do file or program files.

7. Database User

For the dBASE, FoxPro and other database users, five data files are stored into \DATABASE_user sub-folder.