

SOC Group and Social Class variables: A summary

The Booklet: The “job title” questions are on pages 9 (respondent) and 10 (other) of the white booklets (1st Contact).

Variables: **ad1soc**= adult 1 SOC group (1 to 9) **ad1soccl**= adult 1 social class (1 to 6)
 ad2soc= adult 2 SOC group (1 to 9) **ad2soccl**= adult 2 social class (1 to 6)

Coding for SOC Groups (=major professional categories):

- 1= Managers and Administrators
- 2= Professional Occupations (science/engineering/health/teaching professionals)
- 3= Associate Professional + Technical Occupations (science/engineering/health)
- 4= Clerical and Secretarial Occupations
- 5= Craft and related Occupations (skilled construction, engineer,)
- 6= Personal + Protective Service Occupations (army, police, chefs, bar staff, etc)
- 7= Sales Occupations (buyers, brokers, sales reps., etc)
- 8= Plant + Machine Operatives (operators, assemblers, drivers)
- 9= Other Occupations (dockers, porters, labourers, sweepers – fishing, farming)

Coding for Social Class Groups:

- 1= I Professional, etc. occupations
- 2= II Managerial and Technical occupations
- III Skilled occupations
- 3= (N) non-manual
- 4= (M) manual
- 5= IV Partly skilled occupations
- 6= V Unskilled occupations

Coding extras:

- 77 = not applicable (i.e. not working, or no partner in case of “partner’s job”)
- 99 = missing data, or unable to code due to inadequate description (in this case – put note in “comment” column)

The coding was for all 1994 births (irrespective of if the families have since withdrawn). Coding was done using a quick coding guide that I developed from the SOC booklets. This guide was sent to NOP Numbers who are coding the 1995 births in the same manner.

Booklets could be coded at a rate 100 per hour (with practice), and reliability checks showed high inter-rater agreement. Coders: Mike, Shaun, Alessandra & Gesina.