

Documentation for Earnings_and_Height

These data are taken from the US National Health Interview Survey for 1994. They are a subset of the data used in Anne Case and Christina Paxson's paper "Stature and Status: Height, Ability, and Labor Market Outcomes," *Journal of Political Economy*, 2008, 116(3): 499-532, and were graciously supplied by the authors for empirical exercises in the Stock-Watson textbook.

The dataset contains information on 17,870 workers. The table on the next page describes the variables.

Variable Name	Description
age	Age, in years
cworker	Class of Worker: 1 = Private company Employee 2 = Federal Government Employee 3 = State Government Employee 4 = Local Government Employee 5 = Incorporated Business Employee 6 = Self Employed
earnings	annual labor earnings, expressed in \$2012 (see Table notes)
educ	years of education
height	height without shoes (in inches)
mrd	Marital Status 1 = Married, Spouse in household 2 = Married, Spouse not in household 3 = Widowed 4 = Divorced 5 = Separated 6 = Never Married
occupation	Occupations in 15 categories: 1 = Exec/Manager 2 = Professionals 3 = Technicians 4 = Sales 5 = Administrat 6 = Household service 7 = Protective service 8 = Other Service 9 = Farming 10 = Mechanics 11 = Construction/Mining 12 = Precision production 13 = Machine Operator 14 = Transport 15 = Laborer
race	race/ethnicity 1 = non-Hispanic white 2 = non-Hispanic black 3 = Hispanic 4 = other
region	Region of the U.S. 1 = Northeast 2 = Midwest 3 = South 4 = West
sex	Sex, 1=Male, 0 = Female
weight	weight without shoes (in pounds)

Notes: In the survey, labor earnings are reported in 23 brackets (for example, \$26,000-\$30,00). For each of these brackets Professors Case and Paxson estimated a value of average earnings based on information in the Current Population, and these average values were assigned to all workers with incomes in the corresponding bracket. The earnings values for 1994 were converted to \$2012 using the consumer price index.

