Documentation for Employment_08_09

These data file contains data on 5412 workers who were survey in the April 2008 Current Population Survey and reported that they were employed. The data file contains their employment status in April 2009, one year later, along with some additional variables.

Variable Name	Description
Variables from the 2009 Survey	
employed	indicator =1 if employed in 2009
unemployed	indicator =1 if unemployed in 2009
Variables from the 2008 Survey	
age	age
female	indicator =1 if female
married	indicator =1 if
race	= 1 if self-identified race = white (only)
	= 2 if self-identified race = black (only)
	= 3 if self-identified race was not white (only) or black (only)
union	indicator =1 if a member of a union
ne_states	indicator =1 if from a northeastern state
so_states	indicator =1 if from a southern state
ce_states	indicator =1 if from a central state
we_states	indicator =1 if from a western state
private	indicator =1 if employed in a private firm
government	indicator =1 if employed by the government
self	indicator =1 if self-employed
educ_lths	indicator =1 if highest level of education is less than a high school graduate
educ_hs	indicator =1 if highest level of education is a high school graduate
educ_somecol	indicator =1 if highest level of education is some college
educ_aa	indicator =1 if highest level of education is AA degree
educ_ba	indicator =1 if highest level of education is BA or BS degree
educ_adv	indicator =1 if highest level of education is advanced degree
earnwke	average weekly earnings