SIDE Metadata Codebook

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The SIDE metadata described herein is available from: https://side.ethz.ch. It includes the following variables:

sideid

Unique identifier for every map layer available. It identifies the data for an ethnic group in a given country, year, and DHS survey. Structure: sideid = side_v1_mapid_layer. The sideid matches the asc-filename for each map. It can thus be used to bulk-download the SIDE data. Each file is accessible via: https://side.ethz.ch/raw/v1/ENTER-sideid-HERE.asc.

mapid

Unique identifier for the ensemble of group-level maps created of one DHS survey in a given country. Each mapid is associated with the convex hull of all DHS clusters used for the imputation of the data. Convex hulls can be downloaded from: https://side.ethz.ch/raw/v1/conv_hull/side_v1_convhull_ENTER-mapid-HERE.asc.

layer

Layer-identifier of one group-level map; nested within mapid.

country

Name of the country of a group-map.

cowcode

Correlates-of-war code of this country.

groupname

Name of the group as defined by the DHS. "Other" denotes ensemble of groups named "other" in the DHS data, and those that are too small to be effectively interpolates (see paper). If marker == "ethnic.religion", then the groupname is a group's ethnic and religious name, separated by a dot.

marker

One of ("ethnic", "religion", "ethnic.religion"), denoting the type of group.

year

The year of the DHS survey corresponding to a map.

dhs.round; dhs.subround

The DHS survey round and subround. Sometimes, multiple surveys were conducted in the same country during one wave of the DHS survey.

sample.size

The number of geocoded DHS clusters used for interpolation.

fit.comb

The combined leave-one-out-cross-validation fit of the KNN and TPS models used for interpolation this mapid. See paper for further details.

tps.*

Parameters and fit of the Thin Plate Spline Model used for this mapid See paper for further details.

knn.*

Parameters and fit of the K-Nearest-Neighbours Model used for this mapid. See paper for further details.

Reference

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