Description of WORKERS dataset

Each March, the Bureau of Labor Statistics carries out an Annual Demographic Supplement to its monthly Current Population Survey. The data set WORKERS contains data about 71,076 people from one of these surveys. We included all people between the ages of 25 and 64 who have worked but whose main work experience is not in agriculture. Moreover, we combined the 16 levels of education in the BLS survey to form 6 levels.

There are five variables in the data set. Age is age in years. Education is the highest level of education a person has reached, with the following values:

1 = did not reach high school  
2 = some high school but no high school diploma  
3 = high school diploma  
4 = some college but no bachelors degree  
5 = bachelors degree  
6 = postgraduate degree

Sex is coded as 1 = male, 2 = female. Total income is income from all sources. Note that income can be less than zero in some cases. Job class is a categorization of the person’s main work experience, with 5 = private sector, 6 = government, 7 = self-employed.