

Parental Communication

The SPSS syntax below creates a summary measure parental communication and support (parcomm) from the variables s035, s036, s085, s089, s101, and s104.

(CIRCLE ONE ON EACH LINE)

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often
35) How often have you and your parent(s) or guardian(s) discussed school activities or events of particular interest to you?	1	2	3	4
36) How often have you and your parent(s) or guardian(s) discussed going to college?	1	2	3	4

Please tell us how you feel about the following statements.

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	Strongly Aagree	Aagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
85) My parent(s) or guardian(s) are usually unhappy or disappointed with what I do.	1	2	3	4
89) My family will support me in whatever I choose to do after high school.	1	2	3	4

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	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
101) I have frequent, in-depth conversations with my parent(s) or guardian(s).	1	2	3	4
104) I can go to my parent(s) or guardian(s) for advice and support.	1	2	3	4

***** parental communication and support*****.

** items s089, s101 and s104 need to be reverse coded
** so that high is positive .

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do repeat
  a = S089  s101  s104  /
  b = S089r s101r s104r .
compute b = a .
if a = 1 b = 4 .
if a = 2 b = 3 .
if a = 3 b = 2 .
if a = 4 b = 1 .
end repeat .
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variable labels

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S089r 'S089 reverse coded, hi=pos My fam will support me whtvr I choose to do after HS'
S101r 'S101 Reverse coded, hi = pos have freq, in-depth conversations parents'
S104r 'S104 Reverse coded, hi = pos I can go to my parent/s for advice and support' .
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value labels S089r s101r s104r

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-99797 'No more valid answers (possibly incomplete student survey)'
-999 'Missing for some other reason (DK/Refused/Skipped Question)'
  1 'Strongly Disagree'
  2 'Disagree'
  3 'Agree'
  4 'Strongly Agree' .
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missing values S035 S036 S085 S089r s101r s104r (-99797 thru -999) .

*** Note, 4 of the 6 variables must be non-missing for valid value in scale .

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compute parcomm = mean.4(S035, S036, S085, S089r, s101r, s104r).
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variable label parcomm

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'parental communication and support index, high is increased comm. and support'.
execute .
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missing values S035 S036 S085 S089r s101r s104r () .

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if missing(parcomm ) and S085 = -99797 parcomm = -99797 .
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if missing(parcomm ) parcomm = -999 .
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add value labels parcomm

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  1 'Low communication/support'
  4 'High communication/support'
-99797 'No more valid answers (possibly incomplete student survey)'
-999 'More than 2 compents missing (DK/Refused/Skipped Question)' .
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