

## Researcher Contributed File: 2016 HRS Self-employment Roles

This data file contains a hand-coded classification of self-employment roles for 2016 HRS respondents reporting self-employment as their current main employment and providing narrative descriptions of their work in answer to the interview questions PJ166M: “What industry do you work in? That is, what does your company do or make?” and PJ168M: “What sort of work do you do?”. The approach classifies the self-employment reports into three entrepreneurial roles (own/run; manage; independent) along the lines of Light and Munk (2018). Jobs are classified as “own/run” when a respondent explicitly claimed to own the business by using such terms as own, co-own, owner, proprietor, president, or chief executive officer (CEO) or to run the business by using such terms as director, officer, or I run the business. Jobs are classified as “manage” when a respondent explicitly claimed a managerial or executive role by using such terms as boss, manager, supervisor, executive, chief financial officer (CFO), or vice president. Jobs are classified as “independent” when a respondent did not express owning or managing a business or managing people (all other cases).

### Variables list

- hhid: HRS household ID number
- pn: HRS person number
- role: self-employment role (Independent, Manage, or Own/Run)

Please note that the authors are not responsible for errors resulting from the use of this dataset.

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