
Subject: Contraceptive Prevalence/Unmet need - reliability and Validity

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Hi There

I'm writing a paper on reliability and validity of self-report measures of contraceptive use...

Question 1:

How are the Section 3. Contraception and Section 6. Fertility Preferences used to calculate contraceptive prevalence and unmet need? Is it as simple as

Contraceptive Prevalence - those who answer yes to item 310;

Unmet need - those who answered no to item 310, but answered no more/none to 602 or months/years on 603?...(As a proportion etc)

Question 2:

In terms of reliability and validity, how did the DHS test the questions in sections 3 and 6 to confirm reliability and validity of these measures (internal/external, construct, criterion etc)? I can't very much published except for a couple based on old Morocco data, and wondered if such testing was done when the original surveys were developed?

Many thanks in advance,
Renee
