
Subject: BMI Variables for Men's file

Posted by [wavogo](#) on Wed, 27 Dec 2023 22:30:29 GMT

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Dear DHS,

I am in need of a code to construct BMI for the 2016 Ghana DHS Men's file. I don't see weight and height variables in the men's file only in the PR file as you noted before.

Any help is much appreciated.

Regards,

Winfred

Subject: Re: BMI Variables for Men's file

Posted by [Janet-DHS](#) on Tue, 02 Jan 2024 17:10:42 GMT

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Following is a response from DHS staff member, Tom Pullum:

The Ghana 2016 survey was an MIS, not a standard DHS. It did not include measurements of height and weight for children, women, or men. Perhaps you are thinking of a different survey? Please let us know if you meant to refer to a different survey.

Subject: Re: BMI Variables for Men's file

Posted by [wavogo](#) on Tue, 02 Jan 2024 23:11:53 GMT

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Thank you, Tom Pullman for the reply.

I apologize for the error. I meant the Male file of the 2014 Ghana DHS. Where variables to construct BMI for men collected? If you so what are those variables. Is there a standard recode form BMI?

Also, I have two other questions, if I may:

1. I need recodes for domestic violence variables for spousal violence for the Women's file of the 2014 GDHS. I have access to recent recode for IPV for Kenyan 2022 was wondering if one exist for Ghana.

2. I also need husband's characteristics for the women file such as - husband's age, education, alcohol use etc. Do I need to obtain the couple data to extract those variables?

Thank you for all your help for DHS users.

Best,

Winfred

Subject: Re: BMI Variables for Men's file
Posted by [Janet-DHS](#) on Mon, 08 Jan 2024 15:32:01 GMT
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Following is a response from DHS staff member, Tom Pullum:

BMI for women and men is in the PR file. For women it is ha40 and for men it is hb40 (yes, height and weight were measured for men). For women, ha40 was copied into the IR file as v445. There is indeed an MR file (for men), and I would have expected hb40 to be copied into it as mv445, but the MR file does not contain mv445 or any of the usual anthropometric variables. You will have to merge hb40 into the MR file.

Regarding recodes for the DV variables, you should be able to find them in the GitHub generic chapter 17, https://github.com/DHSProgram/DHS-Indicators-Stata/tree/master/Chap17_DV.

Yes, to match husbands and wives you should go to the CR (couples) file. It will be much easier to use this standard file than to try to merge the IR and MR files yourself.
