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Subject: Re: Colombia 2010

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Following is a response from Senior DHS Stata Specialist, Tom Pullum:

In DHS surveys, a blank or "." (in Stata) means "not applicable"--that is, the question was not asked. If it was asked and refused, there would be a numeric code such as 9. In many DHS surveys, questions about such topics as drinking, domestic abuse, insurance, etc., are only asked in a subset of households. That's probably the reason why there are so many "not applicable" cases.

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