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Subject: Re: Central marriage age for nuptiality life table  
Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Thu, 11 Jan 2018 13:54:31 GMT  
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Following is a response from Senior DHS Stata Specialist, Tom Pullum:

Sorry for the delay in this reply.

Are you asking about a specific table in the report on this survey? If so, please specify the table and the number(s) you cannot match. However, I think you are asking about the construction of a single-decrement nuptiality table. This requires estimating the probability that a woman who is never-married at exact age  $x$  will be married at exact age  $x+1$ , based on risk and marriages within a specified interval of time, and then treating these as  $qx$ 's, building a standard life table. If you want a single "central" age, you can calculate the "Singulate Mean Age at Marriage" or SMAM. The median age at marriage is given in the reports and is a good summary measure. Please be more specific about what you want. If this goes beyond the scope of what normally appears in DHS reports, the DHS staff may not be able to help.