
Subject: Re: using NFHS I from India

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FYI, all of the 4 DHS surveys for India are included in IPUMS-DHS (available at idhsdata.org). IPUMS-DHS gives variables consistent names and codes, so a given response always has the same code in all samples with that variable. IPUMS-DHS also included variable-specific documentation, where you can see, at a mouse click, the question wording for each sample for a variable, the codes and frequencies, and the universe (who was included in the question) for every samples. If you are only interested in data from India, you can limit the display to the Indian samples only (using the "Select samples" option). While it is important to take into account possible changes over time in the Indian surveys, IPUMS-DHS has done much of the work of imposing consistency where possible and highlighting differences where consistency can't be imposed. You can create a customized dataset from IPUMS-DHS at no charge, if you log in with your usual DHS email and password.

Let me know if you have further questions.

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