
Subject: Re: Age of marriage variable/stata date problem

Posted by [kingx025](#) on Mon, 09 Jul 2018 00:58:41 GMT

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I checked in IPUMS-DHS, looking in the variable group Marriage and Cohabitation and limiting samples to Egypt 2014.

The following variable seems likely to answer your question:

V511 (AGEFRSTMAR) Age at first marriage or cohabitation

https://www.idhsdata.org/idhs-action/variables/AGEFRSTMAR#description_section

There is also V509 (MAR1STCMC), Date of first marriage expressed in century months

https://www.idhsdata.org/idhs-action/variables/MAR1STCMC#description_section

and variables on the calendar month and year of the date of first marriage (V507 and V508)

There is also a variable on age at first marriage contract, available for Egyptian samples and 2 Indian samples. Because there is no standard name for this variable, IPUMS-DHS supplies just a single name, MARCON1STAGE, but I suspect you want to know age when cohabitation began instead.

Data from the individual recode file for Egypt 2014 are included in IPUMS-DHS (choose women as the unit of analysis and select EG2014 as your sample of interest). You can select the variables you need for a customized data file and choose SAS as the format for your file (if that is your preferred format) and proceed with your analysis. Just log in to www.idhsdata.org with your DHS user name and password.

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