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

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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](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](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](http://www.idhsdata.org) with your DHS user name and password.

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