
Subject: Re: Unmet Need

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Actually, the definition and accompanying algorithm for calculating unmet need has changed recently. Please see this post in the Reproductive Health forum, which explains a bit more: http://userforum.measuredhs.com/index.php?t=msg&goto=18&#msg_18

The revisions were made to simplify the calculation of unmet need, and make the unmet need indicators more comparable across countries and survey years.

The NEW unmet need variable that corresponds with this revised definition is v626a (definition 3), not v626, and can be found in the more recent DHS datasets (it still may need to be calculated in some older datasets). v626 refers to the older definition of unmet need. The new definition of unmet need is also used to produce that indicator in Statcompiler for all surveys.

Hope this helps!
