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Subject: Re: Missing cases in Severe Burn question- NFHS India

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Following is a response from Senior Data Processing Specialist, Ladys Ortiz.

System missing means "not applicable" - these are cases where the respondent was not asked the question because of a skip or a filter.

Code 9 (missing) are valid cases, but the information was omitted due to interviewer's mistake.

There are many questions throughout the data set that will have system missing and/or missing. If you want to know who these "sysmis/ missings" are, you should refer to the questionnaires. As a matter of fact, my recommendation to any data user is to have the questionnaires handy when analyzing any survey. The question Q1008B "Result of what husband did: ever had severe burns?" is asked to women who had said they experienced domestic violence in question Q1005A-I (at least one "yes").

Following is the answer to your question on the variable (Ever had severe burns):

a) System missings are women who did not answer "yes" to the series of questions: Q1005A - I.

b) Missings ("9") are women who answered at least one "yes" to the series of questions: Q1005A-I, but somehow, the information about "ever had severe burn" was omitted due to interviewer error.