

Following is a response from our Research & Data Analysis Director, Tom Pullum:

You say "According to the 2013 Namibia Final Report, the total number of women and men was 41,665." Apparently you are referring to table 2.1 on page 12, the number in the bottom right. This is the number of individuals, not "women and men" and is limited to de jure residents, for whom hv103=1. I used the Stata command "tab hv025 if hv103==1 [iweight=hv005]". The restriction to de jure residents is mentioned in the title of the table. Most tables in the report, however, refer to de facto residents, for whom hv012=1.

The other question is about table 17.5. It says that 2621 women and 2091 men (weighted) were in the denominators for the percentages 2.6% and 2.6%. I can match the n's and %'s with "tab sh328 hv104 if hv105>=35 & hv105<=64 & hv042==1 [iweight=hv005/1000000],m col". Two things surprise me. One is that these numbers are not restricted to de facto residents (OR de jure residents). The other is that the n's include some cases that are missing on sh328 (that's why the "m" is included after the comma in this Stata command). However, that command matches the bottom row of table 17.5

Some numbers in the reports are indeed difficult to match, and alternative estimates could be just as valid. However, DHS tries to be consistent with WHO guidelines and MICS (UNICEF) practices and there are usually good reasons why the indicators are defined as they are.

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