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Subject: Re: matching unmet need in surveys to stata code  
Posted by [Trevor-DHS](#) on Wed, 04 Sep 2019 17:24:02 GMT

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Yes, using the code versus using v626a does show some differences, but the differences are not in unmet need. You will see that for all of the unmet need related categories the frequencies are the same (the categories 'unmet need for spacing' to 'no unmet need' are identical). The difference is purely in the categories of women who are not considered, and how those who never had sex, are not sexually active, or are infecund or menopausal are treated. Basically it is the order in which the categorization of those women is applied that shows the difference as women could be in more than one of those groups.

If you restrict your analysis to currently married women (v502==1), you will find no differences, however if you include all women you will see differences in some categories, but not in the unmet need categories.

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