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Subject: Re: Divorce and Domestic Violence

Posted by [Liz-DHS](#) on Mon, 09 Sep 2019 19:28:10 GMT

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Dear User, a response from senior analyst, Dr. Kerry MacQuarrie:

"DHS questionnaires do not gather data on timing of marital dissolution. So, in your example, if a woman divorced 3 years ago, we would not know that information.

Questions DV04 and DV05 refer to the most recent husband/partner of divorced women.

Assuming the example of a woman who divorced 3 years ago, she would provide a yes answer to DV04A or DV05A (ever) if she experienced violence during the marriage, but would be coded as "not in the last 12 months" for DV04B or DV05B (how often in the last 12 months). Conversely, if a divorced woman answers "often" or "sometimes" to DV04B or DV05B, we can surmise that she was married for at least some portion of the last 12 months, but we don't know exactly when the divorce occurred."

Hope this helps.

Thank you!

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