
Subject: Re: BMI

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Calculating the BMI to match the South Africa report figure 17.1 is unfortunately not that simple. In this survey the BMI is calculated for women age 15+, not just woman age 15-49 (which is the standard approach used by DHS). In this survey an additional Adult Health module was included in a sample of roughly half of the households. The data for the adult health module can be found in the file ZAAH71DT.zip. In this file you will find two datasets - one for women (ZAAHW71FL.dta) and one for men (ZAAHM71FL.dta). You will need to use the women's file and link it to the IR file, and then again to the PR file to produce the estimate that you want. See the code below:

```
cd "your working directory"
```

```
* use the Adult Health module data
```

```
use "ZAAHW71FL.DTA", clear
```

```
* merge in data from IR file to get v213, v208 and b19_01 that are needed below
```

```
merge 1:1 caseid using "ZAIR71FL.dta"
```

```
rename _merge merge1
```

```
* create a household id and line number for matching to the PR file
```

```
gen hhid = substr(caseid,1,12)
```

```
gen hvidx = v003
```

```
* merge the PR file into the Adult Health module data
```

```
merge 1:1 hhid hvidx using "ZAPR71FL.DTA"
```

```
drop if _merge != 3
```

```
* calculate obesity for women who are not pregnant and have not had a birth in the prior 2 months  
(and have a valid BMI)
```

```
* for women older than 49 the assumption is that they are not pregnant and have not had a birth in  
the past 2 months
```

```
gen obese = (ha40>=3000 & ha40<=6000) if v213!=1 & (v208 == 0 | b19_01 >= 2) &  
(ha40>=1200 & ha40<=6000)
```

```
* tabulate obesity for the total sample of women and for women 15-49 alone.
```

```
tab obese [iw=sweight/1000000]
```

```
tab obese [iw=sweight/1000000] if v012 < 50
```

You will notice also that a different weight has been used here (sweight). This is a weight used for the subsample for the Adult Health module.
