
Subject: Re: Details on the variable access to electricity
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Following is another response from DHS Research & Data Analysis Director, Tom Pullum:

I believe very few surveys have included a specific question about source of electricity. DHS would not have a list of which ones did. If you are looping through surveys, here's something we sometimes do. For example, you can loop through the HR files, drop all the subscripted variables, and use "lookfor" with keywords. To get the keywords you have to find at least one survey that includes source. You can probably even loop through the dictionary files to find keywords in labels, such as "solar", but I haven't actually done that. If you do this, keep in mind that such a question could be survey-specific and not have an "hv" prefix.

Another good resource for researching a question/variable is the IPUMS-DHS site, which allows users to do a web-based search on a string or variable. Variable names in IPUMS are links that provide extensive information, including variable description, cautionary notes, the survey text used to generate each variable, including its codes and frequencies, variable meaning and universe (who was asked the question), and precise question wording.. The variables are also harmonized across samples, making this an excellent tool for comparative analysis. Easily log in with your DHS user name email and password.
