
Subject: age at first cohabitation/v511

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Hello,

After reading this post: https://userforum.dhsprogram.com/index.php?t=msg&goto=19905&&srch=age+at+first+union#msg_19905

1) I wanted to ask if v511 has been updated and includes ever married women for all countries that include ever married women for the women's surveys?

2) I see that some questionnaires include a question "How old were you when you first started living with him?" but I do not see a variable for that. I see that v511 is 'age at first cohabitation' but the recode manual states that the variable v511 is calculated from the century month code of the date of start of first marriage or union and the century month code of the date of birth of the respondent. Could you help me understand why v511 is calculated when there is a question asking the age directly and why that's not included?

3) In the dataset labels, v511 is labelled as 'age at first cohabitation' --does this include informal and formal marriages/unions?

4) Lastly, when I created variables for child marriage <18 years and >18 years using v511 and checked it with the age variable hv105, I see that the age for v511 could be much higher than the actual age from hv105. v511 seems to align more with the ages represented using v012. Is there any guidance on this? I checked the DHS github, but I did not see anything related to child marriage using R. So I am not sure what the best way to calculate the prevalence would be.

Thanks!
