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Subject: Re: How to use weighting when working with both Domestic violence and women's data

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Following is a response from DHS Research & Data Analysis Director, Tom Pullum:

I would describe the underlying principle this way. Think of the women who responded to the DV questions as a subsample. There's some extra nonresponse to these questions--some women who agree to the larger interview will decline to participate in the DV questions, and the refusals vary somewhat from one stratum to another. For that reason, the weights are a little different for the women who do respond to the DV questions than for the full sample of women. So you would use the DV weights for cross tabulations, regressions, correlations, etc., that includes a DV variable. However, if you want to include a descriptive table that gives, for example, the age distribution or education distribution, it would use v005, not d005 for the weights. The distribution of those background variables, on their own, is not affected by nonresponse to the DV module.

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