
Subject: Re: Height/Age of the women
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Following is response from DHS Research & Data Analysis Director, Tom Pullum:

Yes, you can use v440 to assess stunting in women, but for adults v440 is not quite interpretable as a height-for-age score. The WHO scores (v440) are based on age 18 if the woman's age is 18+. That is, for age 18+, all women at a the same height will have exactly the same value of v440. Stunting is defined as $v440 < -200$.

We never use v442 and v443. There is not a good justification for having them in the data files.

You will find more information about this in the Guide to DHS Statistics (<https://www.dhsprogram.com/Data/Guide-to-DHS-Statistics/index.cfm>).
