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Subject: Re: Estimation of percentage of 20-24 year old women who married before the age of 18

Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Mon, 07 Nov 2022 17:00:23 GMT

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Following is a response from DHS staff member, Tom Pullum:

The tables in the reports and fact sheets were produced with a data processing package called CSPPro. It is very efficient for producing "camera-ready" tables, but it is not a statistical package such as Stata. It works off a hierarchical data file that is very different from the standard recode files that are available to users, including the researchers within DHS.

The Stata program I prepared implements the logic described in the Guide to DHS Statistics and will reproduce the numbers for any level of aggregation or covariate you want. There could be minor differences, probably mostly due to rounding error and minor modifications to the data files (now in version D).

The Stata output would have to be reformatted for presentation in tables. Stata includes commands such as "putexcel" and "putdoc" that can help you move results into Excel and Word. However, you don't need to go through that process if you just want to compare the numbers in the Stata output with the numbers in the fact sheets.

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