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Subject: Re: Why can't individual WI data and values be released

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Following is a response from DHS staff member Tom Pullum:

I just checked, and it appears that this survey was typical of DHS surveys. A variable hv117 in the PR file is "eligibility for the women's interview". It is 1 if the woman is de facto (i.e. available for the interview) and age 15-49. I constructed a check for the coding of hv117

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gen hv117_test=0
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replace hv117_test=1 if hv103==1 & hv104==2 & hv105>=15 & hv105<=49
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tab hv117_test hv117,m
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The "test" variable matches hv117 perfectly. There don't seem to be any other criteria. Some of the eligible women will not actually appear in the IR file, usually because they refused or they were not (after all) available to meet with an interviewer. But there doesn't seem to be any systematic reason for eligible women to be missing from the IR file. Hope this answers your question. If not, let me know.