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Subject: Re: All-women factor in trend analysis  
Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Fri, 03 Mar 2023 17:28:53 GMT  
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Following is a response from Senior DHS staff member, Tom Pullum:

I recommend that you not use the all-women factors at all, but instead construct a revised IR file for the 2001 survey (NP41), which can be handled like any other IR file. A program to do this is attached, and is set up for this specific survey. It contains many comments. Usually the marital status variable in the PR file is hv115, but in this survey it is sh08, so there is an exception for that. Let us know if you have any questions.

The all-women factors are not just a nuisance--they are calculated in an arbitrary way, based on single years of age, and are different for different covariates. The procedure suggested here is frankly much more defensible than using an ever-married IR file with all-women factors.

### File Attachments

1) [convert\\_EMW\\_IR\\_file\\_to\\_all\\_women\\_file\\_do\\_24Apr2023.txt](#),  
downloaded 122 times

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