

---

Subject: Re: HIV Testing - Nigeria

Posted by [Janet-DHS](#) on Tue, 21 Mar 2023 13:40:47 GMT

[View Forum Message](#) <> [Reply to Message](#)

---

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

Go to the questionnaire in an appendix to the main report and see whether the questions for those variables were included in the survey. If the variables are missing, it is almost certainly because the questions were omitted. Decisions about what questions to include in the questionnaire are primarily up to the in-country steering committee and are not made by DHS staff.

With very few exceptions, all the data that have been collected have been made available. We do not have a closet where we hide data.

NA or na in a variable label means "not applicable" and is used when the relevant question for a standard variable has been omitted from a survey, and all the values of the variable have been coded with an NA code (in the Stata data files, that's a dot). For data processing it is preferable to include an empty variable rather than to omit the variable from the data file.

---