
Subject: Re: NFHS4: age at first intercourse, age at first cohabitation, age at first marriage

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Hello,

I am using various rounds of the India DHS couple recode files. I am using the variable v511/mv511: age at first cohabitation. However, I am unable to find if couples in this dataset include women and their husbands from their first marriage. The variables on ever been married (v535/mv535) used to gauge if women have been married earlier do not have any observations, hence I am unable to find out if these couples are in their first marriage and what percent are NOT. This will help me link if their age at cohabitation is with the current husband (in the dataset) or was with another spouse (previous marriage).

Is there a way to know this or should I merge with the individual dataset and find this? Or is this already known?

Thank you!

Best,
Isha
