
Subject: Re: Variables used to define marital status?
Posted by [Janet-DHS](#) on Tue, 30 May 2023 20:55:57 GMT
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Following is a response from DHS staff member, Tom Pullum:

Marital status is given by v501. Below I will give the unweighted distribution for this survey and the codes (which are standard across surveys). All women except those with v501=0 are eligible (in terms of marital status) for the DV module. Currently married or living as married means v501 equals 1 or 2. Some of the questions refer to the current partner but some include earlier partners, for whom v501 can be 3, 4, or 5.

. tab v501

	current marital status	Freq.	Percent	
Cum.				
	-----+-----			
23.68	never in union	4,616		
	23.68			
69.31	married	13,513		
	92.99			
1.24	living with partner	242		
	94.23			
406	widowed			
	2.08	96.31		
645	divorced			
	3.31	99.62		
	no longer living together/separated	74	0.38	100.00
	-----+-----			
100.00	Total	19,496		

. label list V501

V501:

0 never in union

1 married

2 living with partner

3 widowed

4 divorced

5 no longer living together/separated