
Subject: Re: missing height and weight in men's data
Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Fri, 30 Jun 2023 14:52:30 GMT
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Following is a response from DHS staff member, Tom Pullum:

There are special codes for the height and weight variables (such as 99995, I believe) that are used when someone was "supposed to be" measured but was not. There are result codes for biomarkers that indicate whether someone was not at home or refused. In general, in DHS surveys, men have higher refusal rates than women or children and are less likely to be found at home at the time of interview or measurement. You can check whether the number of men you find with valid codes for height and weight is close to the number given in the relevant tables in the final report. (Do not expect an exact match--it is difficult to get an exact match for the NFHS tables.)
