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Subject: Re: Educational Attainment in Years

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If you are using the educational attainment information from the Household Questionnaire, there are two questions about every person age 5+ in the household listing that are asked of the household respondent. The question in Column 19 asks if (NAME) has ever attended school. If yes, the question in Column 20 asks "What is the highest grade name has completed?" The schooling questions relate only to formal schooling, and they do not include religious education for example. The questions do not ask about the level of education (unlike other DHS surveys). It is important to understand that the question refers to the highest grade that has been completed. In other words, if the person attended a particular grade, but did not complete that grade, the incomplete grade is not counted. The interviewers are told to be sure that only completed grades are included. If the person ever attended school, but did not complete even one grade of school, the response category is 00 = LESS THAN 1 YEAR COMPLETED. Table 2.17 shows the percent distribution of the de facto female and male household population age 6 and over by the highest number of years of schooling completed. The levels of schooling in that table are no schooling, <5 years complete, 5-7 years completed, 8-9 years complete, 10-11 years complete, and 12 or more years complete.

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