
Subject: Re: BMI of males

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I am looking at the hwmhtasdrm IPUMS variable for adult men from the household recode for India for NFHS 3 and 4 and the corresponding DHS variable HB5 for NFHS 5. The means for this variable across the three rounds look very different and although for IPUMS the instruction is to divide the raw variable by 100, no such instruction exists for DHS from the recode manual. Please explain how to use this variable.

The corresponding variables for women looks fine (hwfhtasdrm and ha5) and if we divide it by 100, we would get plausible values.

```
. tabstat hwmhtasdrm if hwmhtasdrm<600,by(year)
tabstat hwmhtasdrm if hwmhtasdrm<600,by(year)
```

Summary for variables: hwmhtasdrm
by categories of: year (Year of sample)

```
year |    mean
-----+-----
2005 | -182.7139
2015 |   -1.86
2020 | -14.82283
-----+-----
Total | -52.37074
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```

```
. tabstat hwfhtasdrm if hwfhtasdrm<600,by(year)
tabstat hwfhtasdrm if hwfhtasdrm<600,by(year)
```

Summary for variables: hwfhtasdrm
by categories of: year (Year of sample)

```
year |    mean
-----+-----
2005 | -190.0461
2015 | -192.1819
2020 | -191.351
-----+-----
Total | -191.6272
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```
