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Subject: Re: Regional variable v024

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Following is a response from DHS staff member, Tom Pullum:

The v variables (variables with prefix v, hv, or mv) are fixed (so far as I know). They will mean the same thing in every survey. However, the specific codes can be different. Source of drinking water would be an example. It has the same variable name in every survey but the codes and categories can be different. This generalization would apply to almost all variables except the survey-specific variables that begin with "s".

As a general rule, the more recent the surveys, the greater the standardization. A good thing about the IPUMS files is that that their staff have checked very carefully for potential inconsistencies and have developed even more consistent labels and codes than in the DHS files.

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