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Subject: Re: BMI of males

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Thank you Mr. Pullum, I will post on the IPUMS forum for further clarification.

Even in the raw DHS files, the means for this variable are very different across recodes (after dividing each by 100). I don't think these are fully explained by measurement error in the height variable.

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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```

gen haz\_men = hwmhtasdrm/100

```
. tabstat haz_men if haz_men < 90, by(year)
tabstat haz_men if haz_men < 90, by(year)
```

Summary for variables: haz\_men  
by categories of: year (Year of sample)

```
year | mean
-----+-----
2005 | -1.827139
2015 | -.0186
2020 | -.1482283
-----+-----
Total | -.5237074
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```