

Following is a response from Senior DHS Staff Member, Fred Arnold:

Here's how the questions were asked in NFHS-5:

Overall, Sections 8-11 of the woman's questionnaire (including the section on husband's background and woman's work) are skipped if the household was not selected for the state module (see Question 732 for the skip pattern). Questions 911 to 915 are the women's work questions, but there are several skip instructions. In Question 901, women who have never married or are married with gauna not performed skip directly to Question 911, which is the first question on women's work. Those who are currently married or ever married go through a series of questions that eventually lead to Question 906 (which is another skip question). In Question 906, women who are currently married go through a series of questions on the husband's work, and all of them eventually get to Question 911, which is the first question on women's work. Question 911 asks whether the woman has done any work in the last seven days aside from their own housework. Those who checked OTHER in Question 906 go directly to Question 913 so they skip questions 911 and 912.

Women who respond YES to Question 911 or 912 skip directly to Question 915, which is the question about women's own occupation. Those who say NO to Question 911 and 912 are asked Question 913 (Although you did not work in the last seven days, do you have any job or business from which you were absent for leave, illness, vacation, maternity leave or any other such reason? If YES, they go directly to Question 915 on their occupation. If NO, they are asked Question 914 on whether or not they have done any work in the last 12 months. If YES, they are asked about their occupation. If NO, they skip the occupation question.

In NFHS-4, the questions appear to be identical, although the question numbers are somewhat different.

I hope this helps.