Subject: Re: Struggling finding cervical cancer variables
Posted by Janet-DHS on Mon, 24 Jun 2024 13:56:37 GMT
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Following is a response from Senior DHS staff members, Tom Pullum:
These variables usually have different survey-specific names in different surveys, but I see that in the Ghana 2022 survey the names begin with v, so perhaps the names are becoming standard.

I opened the IR file in Stata and entered "lookfor cancer". I got the following two lines:

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              storage   display    value

variable name  type    format     label     variable label

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v484a          byte    %8.0g      V484A     breasts examined for cancer by health care provider

v484b          byte    %8.0g      V484B     ever tested for cervical cancer by health care provider
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Here are the labels:
. label list V484A

V484A:

        0 no

        1 yes

        8 don't know

. label list V484B

V484B:

        0 no

        1 yes

        8 don't know

You can get the unweighted distributions with "tab1 v484*". You get the weighted distributions with "tab1 v484* [iweight=v005/1000000]]".

The women are not asked about symptoms or a diagnosis.

We would usually treat "don't know" as "no".

There are no formulas. We cannot give more syntax for your analysis--these are simple yes/no variables.