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Subject: Re: Number of respondents

Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Fri, 05 Jul 2024 19:16:35 GMT

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

The current partner is not necessarily the first partner. Look at v503 and the relevant sequence of questions in the questionnaire. For some purposes, what you need is the date of first cohabitation, v509. DHS does not ask about all partners, but if there has been more than one, then the current partner is not the first partner, and v509a gives the date of cohabitation with that person.

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