Subject: Re: Marriage before 18 years
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Following is a response from Senior DHS staff member, Tom Pullum:

Your Stata code is correct. For a test, I applied it to the Philippines 2022 data, and matched the report (Table 4.3) with 9.4% (for the total country). When I apply it to the NFHS-5 data I get 25.3% (is this what you were getting?), but the final report, Table 6.2, gives 23.3% and STATcompiler gives 22.3%. I cannot even match the frequencies ("Number of respondents") given in Table 6.2 of the final report.

In general, STATcompiler estimates are preferable to final report estimates, because they are updated when the data files are updated, and IAIR74FL.dta is the 5th version (0, 1, 2, 3, 4) of the IR file for this survey. I am surprised that I cannot match an estimate on STATcompiler, but that's how it is. It's up to you to decide what to do--but as I said, your Stata code is correct.