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Subject: Re: Question about coding for the variable SSTATE for Northern Nigeria in 2003,2008. and 2013

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Hi LouisCW,

How are you doing? I have decided to use the 2008 or 2013 Nigeria dhs datasets for my research but I have a problem that I think you could help me solve. My study population is Edo State but the datasets from the dhs are national data.I have asked the dhs program representatives participating in the dhs online forum to show me where to get the state level data but their reply was this:

"Dear User,

The variable containing the state names is SHSTATE in the household and SSTATE in the individual recode. This variable contains a code for each state. When you do your analysis you will need to do your selections for that state code. The state code for Edo in the variables SHSTATE and SSTATE is 250. The SHSTATE and SSTATE variables are country specific variables."

I found the SHSTATE variable and I saw that Edo State has the code 250, but I still have a problem. I tried to search for variables carrying the code '250' or SHSTATE or SSTATE in the downloaded 2013 DHS SPSS files for Nigeria but didn't find anything else specific for the states.

Do I have to do any other statistical manipulation before I can get the data for my state of interest-Edo out of the dataset provided?.Please, how do I proceed

from here to get the state-level variables? For instance, if I want to know how many people from Edo State responded to the question 'Educational attainment' (v149, in individual recode), how do I get it? I am not too good in statistics but, if I am shown the steps, I can follow.

Please, help show me the steps.

Thank you,

Daniel

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