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Subject: Missing variables in Albania DHS: SM901, SM903, S1201, S1203

Posted by [MRedwanul](#) on Wed, 30 Dec 2020 16:28:34 GMT

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Hi!

We have been trying to explore correlates of hypertension in Albania, using Albania DHS 2017-18.

As smoking is an important variable in this regard, we located the following variables related to smoking that we need in our analysis:

S1201	Do you currently smoke cigarettes?: Yes = 1, No = 2,
S1203	Do you currently smoke or use any other type of tobacco?: Yes = 1, No = 2,
SM901	Do you currently smoke cigarettes?: Yes = 1, No = 2,
SM 903	Do you currently smoke or use any other type of tobacco?: Yes = 1, No = 2.

Unfortunately, we failed to find the data on these variables in the dataset that was downloaded from the portal website.

Could you kindly look at this and guide us on how to proceed. Many thanks in advance.

Mohammad Redwanul Islam.

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Subject: Re: Missing variables in Albania DHS: SM901, SM903, S1201, S1203

Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Sun, 03 Jan 2021 20:49:37 GMT

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Following is a response from DHS Research & Data Analysis Director, Tom Pullum:

Variables related to smoking in this survey are found in the PR, IR, and MR files. In ALPR71FL.dta, I find hv252, ha35 (for women), and hb35 (for men, but it appears not to have been used). In ALIR71FL.dta there is v463a and in ALMR71FL.dta there is mv463a. Other types of tobacco are given with b, c, etc.

Variable names that begin with s or sh are survey-specific. If you find such a variable in one survey, that does not mean it will be found with the same name in another survey. The best way to search for a variable with Stata, at least, is with the "lookfor" command, which searches through the variable labels. To find these variables I just entered "lookfor smok". (I used "smok" because it will pick up "smoke", etc., as well as "smoking"). Sometimes you have to try different search words. For example, the search for blood pressure readings is "lookfor stolic" because the variable labels include systolic and diastolic.

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