Subject: Premarital Sexual activities
Posted by Pragati on Wed, 11 May 2022 11:31:58 GMT
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hello,

I am trying to analyze premarital sexual activities in India,

as Guide to DHS statistics suggest to recode variable V525 (age of the respondent at first sexual activity) to calculate involvement in premarital sexual activities (0=Never had sex; 8/45=ever had sex). But there is a variable s315 is for ever had sexual intercourse. var s315 gives more prevalence than V525. Since it is sensitive question, which variable to use to see whether a person is ever involved in sexual activities or not?
also there are other variables such as v531.

Thank You

Subject: Re: Premarital Sexual activities
Posted by Janet-DHS on Fri, 13 May 2022 15:01:10 GMT
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Following is response from DHS Research & Data Analysis Director, Tom Pullum:

Which NFHS are you using? Do you have the data file? You can explore which variables are in the data by looking at the questionnaire (in an appendix to the final report) and by opening the data file. In the IR file, using Stata, you can enter lines such as "describe v5*" and "describe s3*" to find relevant variables. You can identify variables that have "sex" in the variable label with "lookfor sex". However, you do need to check the distributions, as you have already done with s315 and v525. In my experience with the NFHS data files, these variables are not consistent with one another.