Subject: DHS Indicators
Posted by rachel21 on Wed, 19 Oct 2022 14:19:04 GMT
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Hello,

I wondering if there is a resource that further explains how the indicators used in the DHS survey are defined. I am aware of the "Guide to DHS Statistics" but this does not really go into depth about the definitions for the indicators. I'm particularly interested in how DHS is defining the "wife beating is justified" indicator.

Thank you!

Subject: Re: DHS Indicators
Posted by Janet-DHS on Mon, 24 Oct 2022 17:10:18 GMT
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Following is a response from DHS staff member Tom Pullum:

The Guide to DHS Statistics provides the most complete documentation. If you are unclear about a specific indicator, please give a specific table and report in which you find it.

"Wife beating is justified" is a set of five variables that are based on five questions, which are given separately in a table, such as table 15.10.1 in the Nigeria 2018 report. You can find the exact wording of the questions in the women's or men's questionnaires that are included in an appendix at the end of the final report. The possible responses are "no, yes, don't know". The tables give the percentages who report "Yes".

The table (e.g. table 15.10.1 in the Nigeria 2018 report) includes a column titled "Percentage who agree with at least one specified reason." Are you asking how that column is calculated? One way to get this summary indicator would be as follows:

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gen    v744abcde=0 if v744a<.  & v744b<.  & v744c<.  & v744d<.  & v744e<.
replace v744abcde=1 if v744a==1 | v744b==1 | v744c==1 | v744d==1 | v744e==1
tab v744abcde [iweight=v005/1000000]
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