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Subject: Different coding for DHS contraceptive method

Posted by [seinkim](#) on Fri, 21 Oct 2022 01:52:07 GMT

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Hello,

I'm trying to analyze calendar data (vcal\_1, vcal\_2). I'm working with Zambia dataset of 2013-2014.

Based on the tutorial, I think the coded number for each contraceptive method in DHS survey seems to be different with how it coded in the dataset.

In Zambia DHS 2013-14, condom is number 7 in the survey. Is it still "7" in the calendar variable (vcal\_1)?

How should I compare these two?

Thank you,

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Subject: Re: Different coding for DHS contraceptive method

Posted by [Janet-DHS](#) on Mon, 24 Oct 2022 17:12:20 GMT

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Following is a response from DHS staff member Tom Pullum:

Yes, 7 would be the code for condom in both places.

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Subject: Re: Different coding for DHS contraceptive method

Posted by [seinkim](#) on Mon, 24 Oct 2022 18:16:46 GMT

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Hi, Janet

Thanks for your message. I used the reference of "DHS Contraceptive Calendar Tutorial", and it seems "5" as a recoded number for condom.

Which one should I follow? (Please refer to the attached image file)

Thank you so much,

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## File Attachments

1) [?? ?? 2022-10-24 141608.jpg](#), downloaded 261 times

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Subject: Re: Different coding for DHS contraceptive method

Posted by [Janet-DHS](#) on Fri, 28 Oct 2022 16:09:03 GMT

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Following is a response from DHS staff member Tom Pullum:

You are right, the code for condom in the calendar is 5. Sorry about the confusion.

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