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Subject: Ever use of specific contraceptive methods  
Posted by [DHSuserNY](#) on Thu, 29 May 2014 19:35:17 GMT  
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Have the EVER use of specific contraceptives been removed from the recent DHS surveys? I'm attempting to calculate the proportion of women who have ever used a modern method of contraception. The v302 variable used to contain this information but they seem to be blank in the most recent surveys.

Thanks!

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Subject: Re: Ever use of specific contraceptive methods  
Posted by [Liz-DHS](#) on Thu, 29 May 2014 19:47:50 GMT  
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Dear User,

I found a note in our DHS-VI recode application: "ever used of methods was removed from DHS-VI"

Here are some snippets of CSPro code which may help you with your analysis. The is based on our Core Standard Questionnaire, but the raw variables should be similar.

```
{ ***USE
    if EVERUSE(k) = 1 then
        evuse = 1
    elseif EVERUSE(k) = missing & evuse <> 1 then
        evuse = missing
    elseif evuse = notappl then
        evuse = 2
    endif;
    if evuse = 1 & cuse <> 1 then
        cuse = ( pos( "Y", A304) );      { Currently using other traditional methods }
    endif;
***USE }
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{ ***USE
    evuse = EVERUSE(j);      { Ever used method }
    if evuse = 1 then
        cuse = ( pos(currmeth[j:1],A304) > 0 );      { Currently using method }
    endif;
***USE }
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Subject: Re: Ever use of specific contraceptive methods  
Posted by [DHSuserNY](#) on Fri, 30 May 2014 14:44:35 GMT  
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Thanks Liz! That's unfortunate that DHS has removed those questions. They're useful.

And thanks for the code. It doesn't seem to include the standard DHS variables though maybe I'm missing something since I don't use CSPro.

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Subject: Re: Ever use of specific contraceptive methods  
Posted by [Kia-DHS](#) on Wed, 24 Sep 2014 17:37:58 GMT  
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We (DHS) recently received a similar question on ever use from a data user, so we are posting the question and our reply.

Q: Why does DHS no longer ask women if they have ever used emergency contraception? Is there any plan for including it in the future?

A: Asking women whether they have ever used emergency contraception was asked in the context of asking women whether they had ever used a method for each and every method they have heard of in the contraceptive knowledge and ever use table (for example: Have you ever used the pill?, Have you ever used an IUD?, Have you ever used emergency contraception?, and so on for each of about 13 methods in WQ301).

The question on ever use of each method was dropped between DHS-5 and DHS-6; the DHS Core Questionnaires no longer include the questions (asked of each method) after November 2009. Individual surveys that went into the field after November 2009 may have been designed based on the DHS-5 questionnaire and thus may have included the question; so you can look up questionnaires in 2009/2010 timeframe to see if the question was still included in any particular survey. There is always some variability across surveys during the contract transition years.

We are now in DHS-7 and there are currently no plans to revive the ever use question. This is true for all surveys, it is not a regional issue. Should a country request it in particular, it may be added, as is true of all survey questionnaires. As to why it was dropped: the question may be of value, but what is or is not included in the Core DHS questionnaires is ultimately determined by USAID, and there is always a balance between keeping the survey instruments to a reasonable size - so questions are sometimes dropped due to being of lower priority or to make room for other questions to be added. Questions on ever use of each method in the contraceptive table were considered of lower priority than questions on current use.

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Subject: Question Current contraceptive method [MV312], and Current contraceptive by method type [MV313]  
Posted by [Valko](#) on Wed, 22 Oct 2014 23:44:12 GMT  
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Hello. I plan to use data [MV312] and [MV313] from the male and couples questionnaire, DHS Kyrgyzstan-2012. However, these variables show missing values. Pls kindly advise whether these two questions `Current contraceptive method [MV312]`, and `Current contraceptive by method type [MV313]` were not asked?

would be thankful for your response. thank you, Valko.

**Subject: Re: Question Current contraceptive method [MV312], and Current contraceptive by method type [MV313]**

Posted by [Liz-DHS](#) on Thu, 30 Oct 2014 17:57:38 GMT

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Dear User,

The variables MV312 and MV313 were constructed from raw variables QM418 "The last time you had sexual intercourse, was a condom used?" and QM439 "What method did you or your partner use?" from the male questionnaire.

Below are the weighted frequencies for the recoded variables MV312 and MV313. I am not sure why you are seeing missing values.

Item MV312: Current contraceptive method  
 ... tbd-name: '.MRECODE6.MREC32.MV312'

Categories	Frequency	CumFreq	%	Cum %
0 Not using	1722	1722	71.4	71.4
1 Pill	14	1736	0.6	72.0
2 IUD	189	1926	7.8	79.8
3 Injections	4	1929	0.2	79.9
5 Condom	443	2372	18.4	98.3
6 Female Sterilization	9	2381	0.4	98.7
8 Periodic Abstinence	4	2385	0.2	98.8
9 Withdrawal	26	2411	1.1	99.9
11 Implants/Norplant	1	2412	0.0	100.0
14 Female condom	1	2412	0.0	100.0
17 Other modern method	1	2413	0.0	100.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2413</b>	<b>2413</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Item MV313: Current contraceptive by method type  
 ... tbd-name: '.MRECODE6.MREC32.MV313'

Categories	Frequency	CumFreq	%	Cum %
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0 No method	1722	1722	71.4	71.4
2 Traditional method	30	1752	1.2	72.6
3 Modern method	661	2413	27.4	100.0
TOTAL	2413	2413	100.0	100.0

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Subject: Re: Question Current contraceptive method [MV312], and Current contraceptive by method type [MV313]

Posted by [Valko](#) on Sat, 01 Nov 2014 13:10:02 GMT

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Dear Liz-DHS,

greetings. thank you very much for your reply. You are right, there are no missing values in MV312 and MV313. This is my mistake.

I have a question re. frequencies. When in SPSS I run Analyse/Descriptive statistics/Frequencies for MV312 and MV313, I noticed the differences in Frequency between yours and mine tables. Can you pls kindly advise? Sorry, I cannot paste a table here, so I add an attachment.

would appreciate for your advice.

Valeriya Kogay

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#### File Attachments

1) [Frequency table\\_MV312\\_MV313.docx](#), downloaded 662 times

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Subject: Re: Question Current contraceptive method [MV312], and Current contraceptive by method type [MV313]

Posted by [Trevor-DHS](#) on Sat, 08 Nov 2014 02:52:26 GMT

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You are looking at unweighted frequencies. You need to weight the data using MV005/1000000 and then produce your frequencies to get them to match the frequencies shown.

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Subject: Re: Question Current contraceptive method [MV312], and Current contraceptive by method type [MV313]

Posted by [Valko](#) on Tue, 11 Nov 2014 09:56:14 GMT

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Dear Trevor,

thank you very much.

Valeriya

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