Subject: Categorisation of variable
Posted by Mary A. on Mon, 22 May 2023 14:01:53 GMT
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Hi everyone!

I am exploring several "Individual" datasets from some African countries, focusing on Antenatal care.

I am encountering a problem with two variables in particular:
1) m14 - Number of antenatal visits during pregnancy
2) m13 - Timing of 1st antenatal check (months)

In the guide (https://dhsprogram.com/Data/Guide-to-DHS-Statistics/index.cf m) it is written that: Number of antenatal visits is grouped into categories of no antenatal care, 1 visit, 2-3 visits, 4+ visits, and missing/"don't know" before calculating percentages, whereas Timing of first antenatal visit is grouped into categories of no antenatal visit, <= 3 months, 4-5 months, 6-7 months, 8+ months, and missing/"don't know" before calculating percentages.
The percentages are the numerators divided by the denominator, multiplied by 100.

Why is it that, whenever I open the do.file, I cannot see these categories? The only option that appears is "98 Don't know" (see screenshot). Do you know what the problem might be?

Thank you in advance for your time and support!
Maria

File Attachments
1) M13 & M14.png, downloaded 922 times

Subject: Re: Categorisation of variable
Posted by Janet-DHS on Wed, 24 May 2023 18:00:30 GMT
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Following is a response from DHS staff member, Tom Pullum:

The categories described in the Guide to DHS Statistics are used in some tables, but require recoding of m13 and m14. Those variables themselves are not categorized, so users can construct alternative categories if they want.