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Subject: Variables used to define marital status?

Posted by [David34](#) on Tue, 23 May 2023 17:09:10 GMT

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Dear DHS,

In the Cambodia DHS 2020-21 country report, on page 308, table 14.11, various types and combinations of intimate partner violence (IPV) disaggregated by marital status are provided i.e. Marital status: Never married (Currently has intimate partner, Had intimate partner) and Ever married (Married/living together, Divorced/separated/widowed).

I am unable to figure out what variable(s) were used (using Stata) to calculate IPV indices disaggregated by the marital status.

Secondly, how the sub-sample of women was selected using Stata for IPV that included all women with their intimate partner defined as:

"The term husband includes a partner with whom a woman is living as if married.

Husband/intimate partner refers to the current husband for currently married women; the most recent husband for divorced, separated, or widowed women; the current intimate partner for never-married women who currently have an intimate partner; and the most recent intimate partner for never-married women who do not currently have an intimate partner but had one in the past".

Thank you so much!

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Subject: Re: Variables used to define marital status?

Posted by [Janet-DHS](#) on Tue, 30 May 2023 20:55:57 GMT

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Following is a response from DHS staff member, Tom Pullum:

Marital status is given by v501. Below I will give the unweighted distribution for this survey and the codes (which are standard across surveys). All women except those with v501=0 are eligible (in terms of marital status) for the DV module. Currently married or living as married means v501 equals 1 or 2. Some of the questions refer to the current partner but some include earlier partners, for whom v501 can be 3, 4, or 5.

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	current marital status	Freq.	Percent
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	never in union	4,616
23.68	23.68	

69.31	92.99	married	13,513		
1.24	94.23	living with partner	242		
406	2.08	widowed			
		96.31			
645	3.31	divorced			
		99.62			
		no longer living together/separated	74	0.38	100.00
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		Total	19,496		
100.00					

. label list V501

V501:

- 0 never in union
- 1 married
- 2 living with partner
- 3 widowed
- 4 divorced
- 5 no longer living together/separated

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This is very helpful, thank you so much!

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This classification will help reduce errors in analysis geometry dash scratch and ensure that the research results are accurate and reliable.

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