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!

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.

. tab v501

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        current marital status |     Freq.    Percent
Cum.

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            never in union |    4,616
23.68      23.68
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                married |    13,513
69.31      92.99

          living with partner |       242
1.24      94.23

                widowed |
406       2.08      96.31

                divorced |
645       3.31      99.62

no longer living together/separated |       74       0.38      100.00

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                Total |    19,496
100.00
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. label list V501

V501:

      0 never in union

      1 married

      2 living with partner

      3 widowed

      4 divorced

      5 no longer living together/separated

Subject: Re: Variables used to define marital status?
Posted by David34 on Thu, 29 Jun 2023 08:01:44 GMT
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This is very helpful, thank you so much!