
Subject: Child marriage

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Dear All,

I'm interested to analyze child marriage. But one thing has confused me, which is the age group. In most of the studies on child marriage, people have analyzed only the women ever married women aged 20-24 years. What I think is that ever married women of any age can get married before reaching her 18; then why we only analyze the women of age group 20-24. It will be of great help if anyone can give an explanation of this practice. Thanks in advance.

Subject: Re: Child marriage

Posted by [Janet-DHS](#) on Tue, 29 Aug 2023 20:25:30 GMT

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

DHS reports give this indicator for older age intervals too, not just 20-24. I agree that it's important to consider older age groups (representing different birth cohorts of women) in order to see trends. But when there is a focus on age 20-24, it's probably because that's the youngest five-year cohort that had full exposure to the risk of marrying below 18. It best describes the "current" pattern.
