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Subject: India 2019-2021 Missing Data

Posted by [behayes4](#) on Wed, 10 Apr 2024 14:31:12 GMT

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For many of the demographic variables - education, religion, married, ae, number of children - there is absolutely no missing data in a sample of 724,000+ respondents. Is this correct?

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Subject: Re: India 2019-2021 Missing Data

Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Wed, 10 Apr 2024 19:28:50 GMT

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

These variables do not have any cases with a dot (.), the code for Not Applicable, because they applied to everyone. Most of them do have a few "don't know" cases.

A few variables, such as age and number of children, are not allowed to have "don't know" responses, because that would essentially mean that the case would be thrown out, unusable, wasted.

There are indeed some cases in which a household, woman, or man is selected but is dropped from the sample because they cannot be located or simply refuse to be interviewed. Surprisingly few. All DHS final reports describe the response rate in Chapter 1. In the NFHS-5 report, see section 10 of Chapter 1, page 12.

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