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Subject: Senegal DHS Surveys IR Files - Insurance Coverage Variables

Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Mon, 22 Apr 2024 15:28:15 GMT

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In the Senegal IR datasets, I have noticed that variables capturing insurance coverage (v481, v481a, etc.) are unpopulated for several years (e.g., 2013-2015, 2017-2019). However, they are referenced in official DHS reports for these years and are populated in the datasets for other years (e.g., 2010/2011, 2016). This discrepancy suggests a potential issue with the dataset generation, unless if I'm missing something. I have checked the other files (BR, HR, etc.), and this information is also not included there. Could someone help?

Thank you in advance!

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Subject: Re: Senegal DHS Surveys IR Files - Insurance Coverage Variables

Posted by [Janet-DHS](#) on Mon, 24 Jun 2024 13:54:41 GMT

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Following is a response from Senior DHS staff members, Keith Purvis:

For 2012-2015 there were no questions on health insurance in the questionnaire. There was a DHS6 question on health insurance in the individual questionnaire in rounds preceding 2012. In 2016 there was a country specific question on health insurance. To make things more complicated, the continuous survey was done in 2 year cycles such that data sets were combined for pairs of years. In the case of 2015-2016 the health insurance questions appeared in 2016 but not in 2015. So the health insurance question is available in the 2016 year data set but not in the 2015-16 data set since for the combined data sets any variables that were not common to both years were removed.

The file construction was done in Senegal and we are unable to give a completely satisfactory response to your question.

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