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Subject: DHS v302a-- Ever Use in Phase 6  
Posted by [maggief](#) on Thu, 04 Dec 2014 19:06:42 GMT  
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My coauthor and I are attempting to look at ever use of contraception across surveys.

I understand that v302 was cut from phase 6, but the phase 6 surveys do contain a variable called "v302a" which in stata is labeled as "ever used anything or tried to delay or avoid getting pregnant."

I wondered whether this includes modern as well as traditional contraception? Or how can I understand how this variable relates to the questions about contraceptive type?

In short, is there any way to construct a variable from the earlier (phase 2-5) surveys (potentially using v302) that would be comparable to v302a in phase 6?

Thanks very much!

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Subject: Re: DHS v302a-- Ever Use in Phase 6  
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v302 and v302a contain very similar information, but collected in slightly different ways. In prior phases of DHS we asked about ever use of each of a set of about 15 methods as part of the contraceptive table, and from that table produced a single summary variable v302. In DHS6 we no longer ask about ever use of each method, but instead ask a single question "Have you ever used anything or tried in any way to delay or avoid getting pregnant?" This question provides the same basic information as the prior v302, but as it is collected in a different way it was given a different variable name. V302 also provides a bit more information about whether the respondent ever use a modern or traditional method, which is not available in v302a. V302a does capture some information about whether the respondent ever used a method since the start of the calendar.

If your interest is in just seeing whether a respondent ever used a method then you can use either variable comparably and just test for a value different from 0.

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Subject: Re: DHS v302a-- Ever Use in Phase 6  
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Hi,

I too am struggling to understand why v302 was changed to v302a? There is now no distinction between method type for ever use which doesn't follow inline with the new SDG agenda where the

particular focus is on modern methods. Please could you explain what inside calendar and outside calendar means? Thanks a lot!

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As mentioned in my prior post, DHS used to collect information individually about 15 or so different methods and whether each method was ever used - see the DHS5 women's questionnaire page 9, question 302. V302 was a summary of this information. Since phase 6 of DHS, this information about ever use of each individual method is no longer collected, and instead a single question (question 314) is asked - see DHS7 women's questionnaire page 14, question 314.

The DHS questionnaire also includes a calendar of births, pregnancies and contraceptive use for the past 5 years (see DHS7 women's questionnaire page 75). In the calendar there is information on whether the respondent used various method. "Yes, used in calendar" means method use within the period covered by the calendar, and "Yes, used outside calendar" means method use prior to the period covered by the calendar.

I don't see the connection with the SDGs. The SDG indicators that refer to modern methods are about current use of modern methods of contraception, not ever use, and that information continues to exist in variable V312 and V313.

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Posted by [kdiclem1](#) on Tue, 14 Mar 2017 02:58:38 GMT  
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To follow up on this, I am using Tanzania 2015-2016 data and there is no published recode manual for DHSVII. So- I would like to confirm that V313 depicts what type of contraceptive method is used. What definition is used for "modern method," "traditional method," and then "folkloric method" respectively? Just looking for their clear definitions and what they each include so I may understand them further in my analysis.

Thank you!

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If you crosstab v312 by v313 you will see which methods are treated as modern, traditional and folkloric.

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Hi,

I have been trying to access the variables V302 and V312 together with the corresponding cluster center coordinates, via Kenya 2010 SPA. I currently have access to the SPA data, but I couldn't manage to find those two variables in it. I was wondering how could I access them? Are there any other data sets that include those two, so that I should request access to?

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These variables do not exist in the Service Provision Assessment (SPA) surveys. These variables only exist in Demographic and Health Survey (DHS) surveys, such as the KDHS 2014.

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Hi, Thank you for your quick reply. I have access to Kenya: Standard DHS, 2014 data set. I have been looking for these variables in KEBR72FL.DTA, KECR72FL.DTA, KEHR72FL.DTA, KEIR72FL.DTA, KEKR72FL.DTA, KEMR72FL.DTA and KEPR72FL.DTA files, by importing them into R, but couldn't find them so far. Is it possible that I am still using the wrong files? Thanks in advance. Best regards.

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I think you missed them. They are in KEIR72FL.dta. The IR (Individual recode) file is the native file for these variables as this file is based on women. You will also find these variables in a couple of the other files (e.g. KEBR72FL.dta, KEKR72FL.dta), but these have different units of analysis. The IR file is the file to use.

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