
Subject: Variables for educational attainment in the early DHS

Posted by [alben](#) on Mon, 18 May 2015 09:18:13 GMT

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Dear DHS-team,

I am trying to look at some indicators for educational attainment over time and use also the very first DHS. I saw the questionnaires that were used and there are respective questions for completed grades, level of education, etc. However, when I look at the recodes, I only find variables related to education in the individual one. I guess they refer then only to the interviewed women but not to all interviewed household members.

I saw also in the document containing the list of variables that there is a variable S107(S108) but I wasn't able to find it in any of the four available recodes. The DHS I'm referring to are Burundi 87, Ghana 88, Kenya 89, Liberia 86, Mali 87, Senegal 86, Togo 88, Uganda 89 and Zimbabwe 88.

I hope you'll be able to help me with that.

Kind regards,
Alben

Subject: Re: Variables for educational attainment in the early DHS

Posted by [Liz-DHS](#) on Mon, 18 May 2015 16:13:43 GMT

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Dear User,

When you are looking at our data sets, anytime you see a variable beginning with the letter 'S', this indicates it is a country specific variable. In most cases you will not find the same S variable to be the same in every survey. However, you can find that it corresponds to the specific question number in the questionnaire of the survey you are working with. For example in Ghana DHS 1988 Quote:S110 Highest level attended corresponds to Q110 in the woman's individual questionnaire. SH would indicate the household, SM would indicate the man's questionnaire, if one was available. Most data sets include a Word document which gives information about the data. There you will find a list of country specific variables. If there are Household Country specific variables you should be able to find them there. You can also search through the frequencies for SH (household) or SM (male) variables. Hope this helps.
