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Subject: Alcohol use series

Posted by [dianalARD](#) on Fri, 07 Aug 2015 13:31:18 GMT

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What is the best way to get an overview of the various series that include alcohol use items? I am exploring what data are available and for which questionnaire items.

Thank you,

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Subject: Re: Alcohol use series

Posted by [Liz-DHS](#) on Sun, 09 Aug 2015 19:29:15 GMT

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Dear User,

Our website <http://dhsprogram.com/> has a search where you can search by survey characteristics. I selected "completed surveys" and selected "survey characteristics". Once there I clicked on alcohol consumption. I then clicked on the search button which appears at the bottom. This will give you the surveys where questions on "alcohol consumption" were asked. Usually in your analysis you would need to select for standard recode variables and country specific variables to identify all the different variables for your analysis. I am attaching a spreadsheet which shows you the questions which were asked in each of the completed surveys regarding this topic. The specific questions asked can be found by hovering over the comments. This amount of detail normally does not exist for every survey characteristic or every survey, but I happen to have it for alcohol consumption. In the standard recode file, country specific variables will start with the letter S and follow the questionnaire numbering. For example: If you had a country specific variable which came from a specific country survey questionnaire (as an example) Q535 then in the recode file, it would be called S535. Standard recode variables for the woman are:

V835A Alcohol consumption at last sex with most recent partner

V845B

V835C

in the domestic violence section

D113

D114

You would need to find similar recode variables for the men. These would start with M and follow the same naming convention.

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### File Attachments

1) [Alcohol\\_Consumption\\_Completed\\_Surveys\\_EB\\_9Aug2015.xlsx](#),  
downloaded 633 times

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Subject: Re: Alcohol use series

Posted by [dianalARD](#) on Mon, 10 Aug 2015 13:24:29 GMT

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Dear Liz-DHS,

Thank you so much for your detailed response. This has been extremely helpful.  
Best,

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Subject: Re: Alcohol use series  
Posted by [Liz-DHS](#) on Mon, 10 Aug 2015 13:51:32 GMT  
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Most welcome!

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Subject: Re: Alcohol use series  
Posted by [kingx025](#) on Sun, 22 Apr 2018 04:42:32 GMT  
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For the samples currently included in IPUMS-DHS, you can check the "alcohol" variables under "Health behaviors" when you choose women as the unit of analysis! Here the display of available variables on alcohol consumption, with an X indicating that the variable is included in the survey listed directly above:

[https://www.idhsdata.org/idhs-action/variables/group?id=hbeh\\_av\\_alc](https://www.idhsdata.org/idhs-action/variables/group?id=hbeh_av_alc)

Note that most of the variables have new names given by IPUMS-DHS, since the original country-specific variable names varied greatly across surveys.

Here's another list of alcohol-related variables, that I pulled up by entering the term "alcohol" into the search box, with women as the unit of analysis:

[https://www.idhsdata.org/idhs-action/variables/live\\_search](https://www.idhsdata.org/idhs-action/variables/live_search)

Of the variables you are interested in are country-specific and non-standard, it's simple to look for them using the Search function on the IPUMS-DHS select data page.

Miriam King

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Subject: Re: Alcohol use series  
Posted by [dianalARD](#) on Mon, 23 Apr 2018 13:57:06 GMT  
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Thank you, Dr. King!

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