Subject: DRC - outpatient care and hospitalization data
Posted by **30907** on Sun, 14 Aug 2016 05:29:50 GMT
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I am trying to locate the variables used to create tables 16.3 (Consultations ambulatoires et raison de recours aux soins, p.277) and 16.5 (Hospitalisations et raison de l'hospitalisation, p.281) from the 2013-2014 DHS final report for DRC. I thought that the variables within these sections came from the PR datafile, incorporating SH206, SH214, SH226, SH230, and SH234. From the tables, it seems that individual women's observations are included in these variables, but I'm unable to complete any cross tabulation with reasons for seeking care and individual women's variables such as age (HA1) or BMI (HA40).

My aim is to examine associations between certain reasons for seeking care and characteristics of individual women - this seems possible, given tables 16.3 and 16.5. If anyone can provide guidance on how to find/use these variables to accomplish my aim, I would appreciate any assistance!

Subject: Re: DRC - outpatient care and hospitalization data
Posted by **Bridgette-DHS** on Fri, 19 Aug 2016 11:02:44 GMT
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Following is a response from DHS Senior Research Associate, Wenjuan Wang:

You can use PR file, and you have the right variables on reasons for care. The reason that you can't tabulate these variables with ha1(age) and ha40(BMI) is due to the sample design of this survey. The sampling section in Chapter 1 of the report gives more information. In this survey (also applies to many other DHS surveys) a subsample of households was selected for the men's survey. Women's height and weight measurements were collected only for this subsample. However the health expenditure module was administered to only households that were NOT selected for the men's survey. At the beginning of the module (p.542), a filter question indicates this module is only for members from households that were NOT selected for the men's subsample.

Collecting data in different subsamples is not uncommon in DHS. This helps avoid overburdening households with a long questionnaire but still obtaining nationally representative estimates. But certainly you can examine associations with women's other characteristics that are available.

Please let us know if you have other questions

Subject: Re: DRC - outpatient care and hospitalization data
Posted by **30907** on Mon, 22 Aug 2016 19:04:11 GMT
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Thanks very much for your reply! I've looked at chapter one and the questionnaire from p.542 of

the final report, but I'm unable to identify which age variables are used for this subsample. Since age is cross tabulated with care sought, it seems that an age variable must exist for this subsample of women, even though the only age variable for women (to my knowledge) in the PR file is HA1, which, as you explained, is not from my subsample of interest. Is there a connected age variable to this subsample (members in households not selected for the men's survey) in the IR file? My apologies if I'm overlooking something obvious!

Subject: Re: DRC - outpatient care and hospitalization data
Posted by Bridgette-DHS on Tue, 23 Aug 2016 16:12:43 GMT
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Following is a response from DHS Senior Research Associate, Wenjuan Wang:

The age variable used in Tables 16.3 and 16.5 is hv105-age of household member and it is available for all household members. Variable ha1 is age of woman whose height and weight were measured. ha1 is only available for women age 15-49 in the subsample of households (the sample for the men's survey).

Subject: Re: DRC - outpatient care and hospitalization data
Posted by 30907 on Mon, 29 Aug 2016 16:44:31 GMT
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Thanks very much for your time and assistance!!