
Subject: Weight and Height for Zimbabwean Women
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Hello

I am using the ZDHS 2010-11 data set and am focused on zwir62sv file. I had a question regarding the weight and height measurements. Are the weight(V478) and height(V438) variables measurements for women with of children that were born 0 to 59 months preceding the survey ONLY?. If yes, would I have to obtain the weight, height, and BMI from the household survey for all other women? Would that also be the case for the hemoglobin measures that were taken. I had been under the assumption that since the same question is asked in several places in the questionnaire, but to different respondents. In the re-code file these variables are combined and created in a form that is easier to use for analysis. Variables for household characteristics are included in the women, men, and children's files. Would the weight of all eligible women (without children and with children born 0-59 months prior to the survey) from the household survey be combined with the women files?

Thank you

Subject: Re: Weight and Height for Zimbabwean Women
Posted by [Trevor-DHS](#) on Wed, 26 Oct 2016 14:34:19 GMT

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In earlier DHS surveys the anthropometry for women was restricted to those with a child born in the prior five years, but in this survey (and most surveys) the anthropometry is for all women and was collected as part of the household questionnaire. Crosstab v438 by v208 to confirm for yourself. By the way, the woman's weight variable is v437, not v478 - I assume this was just a typo.
