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Subject: Age at menarche

Posted by [myatsu@iuj.ac.jp](mailto:myatsu@iuj.ac.jp) on Wed, 07 Dec 2016 17:26:19 GMT

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Dear DHS Program Specialists,

I would like to know the updated data sets (2010-2016) which has the information about the age of menarche as I just found out that not all the data sets have that information.

Best Regards,  
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Subject: Re: Age at menarche

Posted by [Liz-DHS](#) on Fri, 09 Dec 2016 18:34:03 GMT

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Dear User,  
Please see attached spreadsheet.  
Thank you!

#### File Attachments

1) [Age\\_At\\_1st\\_Period\\_Completed\\_07Dec2016\\_EB.xlsx](#), downloaded 271 times

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Subject: Re: Age at menarche

Posted by [myatsu@iuj.ac.jp](mailto:myatsu@iuj.ac.jp) on Sun, 11 Dec 2016 16:14:33 GMT

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Dear Liz,

Thank you so much for your information. However, the information that I require can't be included in one year of data set.

So, I requested new data set since 10 Dec and I haven't receive any approval email from DHS until now.

May I know how can I try to get my required data set (Zambia- Survey, HIV and SPA data sets).

Thanks in advance.

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Subject: Re: Age at menarche

Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Mon, 12 Dec 2016 17:25:50 GMT

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Our records indicate that you requested Zambia DHS datasets on 12/10/2016, and your request was approved on 12/11/2016. As an authorized user, you should be able to login to your user

account to download the data files.

If you have any problems with your user account, please send an email to [archive@dhsprogram.com](mailto:archive@dhsprogram.com).

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Subject: Re: Age at menarche  
Posted by [L.Brown11@lse.ac.uk](mailto:L.Brown11@lse.ac.uk) on Mon, 13 Aug 2018 17:40:38 GMT  
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Dear DHS team,

I am working on a project on menarche in LMICs. I have requested access to all of the datasets listed in the Excel file posted here 9th Dec 2016. Please advise whether there are any other more recent datasets that also contain age at first period so that I can request access to these too.

Many thanks,

Laura

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Subject: Re: Age at menarche  
Posted by [Liz-DHS](mailto:Liz-DHS) on Mon, 13 Aug 2018 18:47:40 GMT  
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Dear User, attached is the latest list which includes Ongoing and Completed surveys. Thank you!

#### File Attachments

1) [Age\\_At\\_1st\\_Period\\_13Aug2018\\_EB.xlsx](#), downloaded 146 times

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Subject: Re: Age at menarche  
Posted by [L.Brown11@lse.ac.uk](mailto:L.Brown11@lse.ac.uk) on Mon, 13 Aug 2018 19:43:14 GMT  
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Many thanks!

What does the "P" by Sri Lanka stand for?

Laura

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Subject: Re: Age at menarche  
Posted by [Liz-DHS](mailto:Liz-DHS) on Mon, 13 Aug 2018 20:26:25 GMT  
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Hi! For Sri Lanka we only gave very limited technical assistance and in fact are not distributing that data. The implementing agency was The World Bank. I meant to delete that entry.

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Subject: Re: Age at menarche  
Posted by [L.Brown11@lse.ac.uk](mailto:L.Brown11@lse.ac.uk) on Tue, 14 Aug 2018 13:18:32 GMT  
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Ah ok, thanks for clarifying.

Laura

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Subject: Re: Age at menarche  
Posted by [LauraJBrown88](mailto:LauraJBrown88) on Fri, 14 Sep 2018 10:59:33 GMT  
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Dear DHS support,

One of the datasets listed in the Excel file provided 13th August 2018, Indonesia 2012, doesn't have the listed menarche variable. The related DHS report confirms that the question was asked to women (13. KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE ABOUT HUMAN REPRODUCTION SYSTEM Q1305 How old were you when you had your first menstruation?) but I cannot find a corresponding variable in any of the data files and it isn't mentioned anywhere in the Individual Recode Documentation either.

Please can you clarify whether age at first period is available for this survey, and if so, how to access it.

Many thanks,

Laura

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Subject: Re: Age at menarche  
Posted by [L.Brown11@lse.ac.uk](mailto:L.Brown11@lse.ac.uk) on Mon, 17 Sep 2018 13:33:42 GMT  
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Hi,

Just to add to this it appears that Indonesia 2007 has the same issue. The question appears in the survey documentation in the appendix (2. KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE ABOUT HUMAN REPRODUCTION SYSTEM Q205 How old were you when you had your first menstruation?), but the variable is not in any of the data files.

Could I be right in thinking that the menarche question only appears in the "Special" dataset for 2012 and 2007 and not in the Standard DHS datasets for the same years? I have already found

the menarche variable in the 2012 Special dataset so I am thinking this might be the case.

Thanks,

Laura

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Subject: Re: Age at menarche  
Posted by [Liz-DHS](#) on Mon, 17 Sep 2018 13:35:39 GMT  
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Dear Laura,  
Thank you for pointing this out. I'm looking into the best way to deal with this. I'll post as soon as I have a response.  
thanks!

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Subject: Re: Age at menarche  
Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Mon, 17 Sep 2018 16:27:38 GMT  
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Following is a response from DHS Senior Data Processing Specialist, Albert Themme:

As you already figured out the variables pertaining to never married women 15-24 years old are not recoded into the regular woman's recode, but are included in the "Special" Young adult data file (IDOD6\*.\*).

IDYA6C\*.\* CPro Adolescent Reproductive Health Dataset - Household, Women & Men  
IDYH6C\*.\* Exported Adolescent Reproductive Health Dataset - Household  
IDYW6C\*.\* Exported Adolescent Reproductive Health Dataset - Women  
IDYM6C\*.\* Exported Adolescent Reproductive Health Dataset - Men

As mentioned in IDOD6C.DOC found within the IDOD\*.ZIP files(see above), this data file contains a household file, a men's file that retains the variable names as used in the "Never-Married men's questionnaire" (AY101H, AY101M, etc.) and a women's file where the variable names from the women's questionnaire have been recoded to match the men's file. E.g. AY201 = Q1301, AY202 = Q1302, AY204 = Q1304, AY205 = Q1305, etc. This way the files can be easily merged.

Hopefully, this clears the confusion.

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Subject: Re: Age at menarche  
Posted by [L.Brown11@lse.ac.uk](mailto:L.Brown11@lse.ac.uk) on Mon, 17 Dec 2018 19:18:49 GMT  
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Hi again Liz,

Do you know when the Turkey 2013 DHS dataset included on the menarche list will become available?

Many thanks,

Laura

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