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Subject: Health Insurance Data.  
Posted by [Wincie](#) on Tue, 20 Jun 2017 11:44:16 GMT  
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Hi,

I am doing a project on the determinants of health insurance in Kenya and I can't seem to find the data.

Any help will be highly appreciated.

Thank you.

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Subject: Re: Health Insurance Data.  
Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Tue, 20 Jun 2017 11:50:41 GMT  
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Please look for the variable:

V481                    Covered by health insurance

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Subject: Re: Health Insurance Data.  
Posted by [boyle014](#) on Tue, 04 Jul 2017 14:45:28 GMT  
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Dear Wincie,

In general, an easy way to find particular questions from particular surveys is through IPUMS-DHS ([www.idhsdata.org](http://www.idhsdata.org)), which includes all of the standard Kenyan DHS surveys.

At the site, you click on GET DATA, select your unit of analysis (women in this case), select the Kenyan samples that interest you, and browse through the TOPICS drop-down menu (Insurance is a topic) or use SEARCH to look for Insurance questions. You have the option to select to see the IPUMS-DHS variable names or the original DHS variable names (like v481). It's all very intuitive.

Doing this, I see that there were six insurance questions in the Kenya 2008 survey and seven in Kenya 2014.

IPUMS-DHS has some other useful features, such as alerting you to comparability problems, letting you know what other surveys asked the same question, showing you the precise question wording for each survey, and letting you download a dataset with all the samples you want with only the variables (fully harmonized) that interest you.

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Best wishes,  
Professor Liz Boyle (University of Minnesota)

