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Subject: Maternal Health 2015

Posted by [Chindo811](#) on Mon, 06 Aug 2018 11:08:30 GMT

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Dear DHS Team,

I'm trying to access some maternal health variables like the number of antenatal visits in the 2015 DHS (Nigeria). However, the relevant variables such as m14\_1 up to m14\_6 are system missing, and their variable codes read: "na: number of antenatal visits during pregnancy", weirdly suggesting that they are "Not Applicable". Any help with resolving this will be highly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Chijioke Nwosu.

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Subject: Re: Maternal Health 2015

Posted by [Liz-DHS](#) on Mon, 06 Aug 2018 17:32:21 GMT

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Dear User, Please look at your frequencies for M14. One of the reasons you may be finding N/A for M14(n) in the data is that the information was only collected for the last born child who was eligible to be in the health section. If you look at Q412 you will see that it's only for the last born child. The questionnaire is in the back of the final report. This question appears in Appendix F, P456. You can download the report from our website: <https://dhsprogram.com/publications/publication-FR293-DHS-Final-Reports.cfm>

You may also want to look at the following resources: The Guide to DHS Statistics <https://dhsprogram.com/publications/publication-dhsg1-dhs-questionnaires-and-manuals.cfm>,

The Standard Recode Manual <https://dhsprogram.com/publications/publication-DHSG4-DHS-Questionnaires-and-Manuals.cfm>,

using Datasets for Analysis <https://dhsprogram.com/data/Using-Datasets-for-Analysis.cfm> and a series of videos to help

guide you with your analysis <https://blog.dhsprogram.com/dhsdataintro/>.

The IUPMS website is also a great resource: <https://www.idhsdata.org/idhs/> For specific assistance with Stata, please visit

You may also want to search the forum for [url=

[http://www.cpc.unc.edu/research/tools/data\\_analysis/statutorial/](http://www.cpc.unc.edu/research/tools/data_analysis/statutorial/)][url]

keywords which might help guide your analysis. After reviewing these resources, if you still have a question, please feel free to post again. Thank you!

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Subject: Re: Maternal Health 2015

Posted by [boyle014](#) on Tue, 11 Sep 2018 20:50:40 GMT

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Quick follow up on IPUMS DHS. If you use this website to download the data, you can instantly

see (by clicking on a variable name) how the variable was constructed, how many missing cases it has, the survey text used to generate it, and more.

I find it easiest to select my samples of interest (Select Samples button) before browsing the variables because there are so many countries included in IPUMS DHS now.

To create a data file, you add samples and variables to your "Data Cart." When you want to download your data, click on "View Cart," and follow the instructions. Be sure to click "Change" to select the data format that works best for you.

Hope you find this helpful!  
Liz

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Subject: Re: Maternal Health 2015  
Posted by [Liz-DHS](#) on Wed, 12 Sep 2018 00:41:37 GMT  
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Yes. Thank you so much Dr. Boyle. Much appreciated.

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Subject: Re: Maternal Health 2015  
Posted by [Chindo811](#) on Wed, 19 Dec 2018 10:24:04 GMT  
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Hi Liz,  
Apologies for the delayed response, and thanks for the info. But I've discovered that the source of the problem is that the Nigeria 2015 DHS is not a complete survey. It is the MIS survey (Malaria Indicator Survey), so some of the modules were not collected.

Chijioke.

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