Subject: Getting data on the siblings of respondents
Posted by afreelunch on Wed, 09 Sep 2020 09:58:05 GMT
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I have been trying to access data on the siblings of female respondents. In some datasets (e.g. the 2015 Individual Recode dataset for Angola), I can do this using the mm1, mm2, mm3, etc. variables. For example, mm1_01 tells me the gender of the respondent's eldest sibling, mm2_01 tells me whether they are alive and mm3_01 tells me their age (if they are alive). However, in other datasets, these variables are absent. For example, there seems to be no variables whatsoever on siblings in the 2011 Angola Individual Recode dataset.

Is there some way to construct these variable for all DHS surveys? If so, how do I do it?

Many thanks in advance for any ideas or pointers!

Subject: Re: Getting data on the siblings of respondents
Posted by Bridgette-DHS on Wed, 09 Sep 2020 11:31:06 GMT
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If Maternal Mortality was not collected in the survey (as is the case in Angola 2011), those variables will be missing in the dataset.

A good resource for researching a variable is the IPUMS-DHS site, which allows users to do a web-based search on a string or variable. If you click on the variable name, you can learn more about the variable, including its codes and frequencies, meaning, universe (who was asked the question), and question wording. Easily log in with your DHS user name email and password. You should also check the questionnaires to see if the information you are looking for was collected in the survey.

Subject: Re: Getting data on the siblings of respondents
Posted by afreelunch on Wed, 09 Sep 2020 16:14:16 GMT
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Dear Bridgette,

Unfortunately, I was unable to find any of these variables when searching in IPUMS-DHS. I tried searching for 'sibling', 'mm1', 'mm1_01' and various similar things -- but couldn't get any results.

Is there any way to figure out which DHS datasets (i.e. which countries and for which years) have these siblings variables? For example, is there any way to figure out which DHS datasets have the mm3_01 variable which (in the Angola 2015 dataset) tracks the age of the respondent's eldest sibling?

Many thanks,

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Subject: Re: Getting data on the siblings of respondents
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You will only find the variable(s) if the information was collected in that survey. To get a list of surveys that collected Maternal Mortality, please do a search at: https://www.dhsprogram.com/What-We-Do/Survey-Search.cfm and select the survey Characteristic: "Maternal Mortality".