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Subject: STATE LEVEL DATA

Posted by [Wadinga](#) on Tue, 06 Oct 2020 13:33:26 GMT

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Dear DHS Programmers

There 37 States in Nigeria, including Abuja FCT.

In the NDHS 2018 data set I downloaded, the 37 states are recoded into 6 geopolitical zones (North East, North West, North Central, South East, South South and South West). These carry recoded name "region". There are about 6 STATES in each zone.

My analysis requires that I investigate individual STATE peculiarities within the 6 geopolitical zones, but the data set does not have the STATES in unrecoded format.

What is available unrecoded is "region of previous residence" which lists all the 37 STATES. But I cannot use this variable because its not the same with "state of current residence" as captured in the IDENTIFICATION SECTIONS" of all questionnaires used.

I need to get the 37 STATE level variable included in the data set. What do I do to get it?

Thank you.

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Subject: Re: STATE LEVEL DATA

Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Tue, 06 Oct 2020 20:35:11 GMT

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Following is a response from DHS Data Processing Specialist, Hanna Useem:

In the questionnaire, we do not ask their "state of current residence". What I suggest using is the state variables. The state variables are at the household level: SHSTATE , the woman's level: SSTATE , the man's level: SMSTATE

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Subject: Re: STATE LEVEL DATA

Posted by [Wadinga](#) on Wed, 07 Oct 2020 11:26:51 GMT

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Dear Hanna Useem,

Thank you very much for the very useful information you provided which indeed saved me a lot of time.

Thanks once more, and please stay safe.

Wadinga

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