Understanding Society User Support - Support #1515

Meaning of different mstatch variables

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Description

Hello!

I wished to know the difference between the mstatch1, mstatch2, mstatch3, and mstatch4 variables

I understand all take a value only if the marital status of the respondent changed and its specific value depends on the new i.e. changed status.

Do the 4 variables pertain to different 'original' marital statuses i.e. does mstatch1 for example only refer to people who were originally married but became widowed/divorced etc.?

(I was looking up variables that capture major life changes and was unable to find the difference between the aforementioned 4 variables from the interview questionnaire document)

Thanking you,
Vikram

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Hello,

When someone says that their marital status changed since last time (Mstatsamn), they are asked about that change in the questions mstatch1, statcm1, statcy41,... At the end of that set of questions they are asked if they experienced any further changes: cmlstat1. If they say, then they are asked the same set of questions again and these are recorded in mstatch2, statcm2, statcy42....cmlstat2.

As the maximum number of marital status changes reported across all respondents will be different across waves, in some waves you will find a maximum of 4 sets of such variables, in another wave 5 etc.

Hope this helps.
Best wishes,
Understanding Society User Support Team

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