

DataFirst Data Quality Note

Dataset: General Household Survey 2009 and 2010

File: ghs-2009-person

Variable: Care provision (Q129acre)

Question Number: 1.29a

In GHS 2009 and 2010 question 1.29a asks:

"Does anyone in this household personally provide care for at least two hours per day to someone in the household who – owing to frailty, old age, disability, or ill-health cannot manage without help?"

Response codes are

The response codes (in questionnaire, metadata, and dataset) are:

- 1 = No
- 2 = Yes, 2-19 hours per week
- 3 = Yes, 20-49 hours per week
- 4 = Yes, 50 + hours per week
- 5 = Do not know

There is an inconsistency between the question, which asks about hours *per day*, and the response options, which record hours **per week**. This means that a respondent who gives care for one hour per day would presumably answer "no", even if they were giving care for 7 hours/week in total. The question seems to have been recorded incorrectly and should have been *per week*. This has, however not be confirmed by Statistics SA.

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