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2 **Risk factors associated with and factors that influence intimate partner violence, a case**  
3 **study of South Africa**

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8 **Abstract**

9 This study aims to identify the factors associated with intimate partner violence (IPV) against  
10 women of reproductive age (15-49 years) in South Africa. We used the dataset from 2016 South  
11 Africa Demographics and Health Survey. The survey logistic regression, which is an integral  
12 part of the GLM family, was used. In this study, it was found that risk factors that influence  
13 IPV are: partner's age, marital status, region, woman's age, media exposure, size of the family,  
14 sex of the household head, wealth index, pregnancy termination status, contraceptive use, body  
15 mass index, cohabitation duration, partner's desire for children, **woman's employment status,**  
16 **woman's earnings compared to partner's earnings, knowledge of sexually transmitted infections**  
17 **(STIs), wife-beating attitude, partner's alcohol drinking status, and woman's father ever beat**  
18 **her mother.** The findings of the risk factors in the current scientific setting can aid public health  
19 workers and institutions responsible for gender monitoring to design effective strategies to  
20 reduce the intimate partner violence levels directed against women.

21 **Keywords:** Intimate partner violence, South Africa, Women, Survey Logistic Regression

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## 23 **1. Introduction**

24 Violence against women-particularly intimate partner violence (IPV) and sexual violence, is a  
25 significant public and clinical health problem and a violation of women's human rights(World  
26 Health Organization [WHO], 2020). According to WHO, (2020), globally, 1 in 3 women  
27 experiences physical or sexual violence in their lifetime, mainly by an intimate partner. Threats  
28 of such acts, coercion or arbitrary deprivation of liberty, whether occurring in public or private  
29 life."

30 IPV is prevalent in both the developed and the developing world (Abrahams, Jewkes,  
31 Laubscher, & Hoffman, 2006). It is mostly perpetrated by men. The levels of IPV among  
32 women that become victims vary within communities, and between regions in a country. This  
33 arises from certain factors associated with the cultural beliefs, socioeconomic conditions,  
34 differing religions, and traditions of the various areas (WHO, 2020).

35 Women exposed to partner violence are more than twice likely to have an abortion, almost  
36 twice as likely to experience depression. And in some regions, they are 1.5 times more likely  
37 to acquire HIV than women who have not experienced partner violence (Organization & others  
38 [WHO], 2013).

39 Many authors have assessed the determinants of physical, sexual violence, and psychological  
40 forms of abuse, such as emotional violence (Habyarimana, Zewotir, & Ramroop, 2018). Most  
41 of the studies utilized logistic regression models (Adjah & Agbemafle, 2016; Audi, Segall-  
42 Corrêa, Santiago, Andrade, & Pèrez-Escamila, 2008), amongst others, to analyze the data.  
43 These models are helpful if their assumptions are not violated. If the data comes from a  
44 complex survey design, the measurement from the same cluster may be correlated, and then  
45 the assumption of independence is violated (Habyarimana et al., 2018). The study by

46 Habyarimana et al. (2018) addressed the issue via a generalized linear mixed model (GLMM)  
47 that accounted for random effects and correlation over-dispersion and heterogeneity.

#### 48 **Objective**

49 **The main objective of the study is to determine the risk factors related to IPV in women aged**  
50 **between 15-49 years from South Africa. To achieve this, the survey logistic regression will be**  
51 **used to model the dataset.**

## 52 **2. Methods and Materials**

53 The current study considers physical, sexual, and emotional violence nationwide rather than  
54 focusing on a specific region within the country of interest. To the best of our knowledge, there  
55 was no study in literature considering physical, sexual, and emotional violence, including the  
56 use of contraceptives, and knowledge of STIs. We used survey logistic regression to identify  
57 the factors associated with IPV in women of reproductive age from South Africa.

#### 58 **Dependent variable**

59 The prevalence of IPV in women aged between 15-49 years was determined using the outcome  
60 of the emotional, physical, and psychological violence response from the respondents.  
61 Therefore, the response variable was binary, where the woman experienced IPV (at least one  
62 of the responses above was positive) or not (none of the responses were positive).

#### 63 **Independent variables**

64 Some of the covariates in this study were also used to model domestic violence against women  
65 by other authors (Finnbogadóttir, Dykes, & Wann-Hansson, 2014; Habyarimana et al., 2018,  
66 2021; Jewkes, Penn-Kekana, Levin, Ratsaka, & Schrieber, 2001), amongst others. The socio-  
67 demographic characteristics of the women were recorded as: woman's age, woman's education  
68 status, working status, literacy, pregnancy termination status, contraceptive use, body mass

69 index, and knowledge of STIs (Maman, Campbell, Sweat, & Gielen, 2000; Martin et al., 1999).  
70 The socioeconomic and demographic characteristics of the partner: education status, age in  
71 years, working status, alcohol drinking status (Van der Straten et al., 1998), whether there is  
72 polygamy and their desire for children. The community and family characteristics that we  
73 investigated are size of the family, wealth quintile, type of residence, region, sex of the  
74 household head, marital status and cohabitation duration. These variables were selected based  
75 on some previous studies (Finnbogadóttir et al., 2014; Habyarimana et al., 2018).

### 76 **3. Statistical method**

#### 77 **Missing values**

78 The method known as multiple imputation by chained equations (MICE). The method is well  
79 presented in a study by Van Buuren, Boshuizen, & Knook (1999). Multiple imputations  
80 provide a helpful strategy for dealing with data sets that have missing values.

#### 81 **Technique used**

82 The multiple imputation by chained equations (MICE) have been used in addressing the issue  
83 of missing values. The values were assumed to be missing at random (MAR), and therefore the  
84 steps for MICE were carried out in this study. PROC mi in SAS Enterprise was used for missing  
85 values in this study.

86 The survey was done based on multi-stage sampling, stratified sampling, cluster sampling with  
87 an unequal probability of selecting elements known as complex survey design. In these surveys,  
88 the cluster incorporated in the sample represents only a random sample from the populations  
89 of the clusters. In modeling data from these kinds of surveys, the sampling design must be  
90 taken into account. But many models in literature can be used if the assumptions are violated.  
91 For instance, we can use the survey logistic regression (Habyarimana, Zewotir, & Ramroop,

92 2014; Heeringa, West, & Berglund, 2017) and the GLMM (Ayele, Zewotir, & Mwambi, 2012;  
93 Heeringa et al., 2017), amongst others.

#### 94 **Survey design effect**

95 Regression is increasingly being used in survey analysis. At the same time, it is rare in practice  
96 to find a survey design that does not use the structure, either through stratification, multi-stage  
97 sampling techniques, or other explicit uses of auxiliary information about the population under  
98 study (Nathan & Holt, 1980). The DHS datasets are provided with the domestic violence  
99 weighting variable. The current study used the weighting variable to incorporate the complex  
100 survey design (Lu & Yang, 2012).

#### 101 **Model formulation**

102 The response variable  $Y$  can take two possible outcomes: either a 'success' or a 'failure' denoted  
103 by 1 or 0, respectively. In the current study, 'success' is when a woman has experienced intimate  
104 partner violence, and 'failure' is the outcome that a woman has never experience intimate  
105 partner violence. Let  $\pi_i$  and  $1 - \pi_i$  be the probabilities of success and failure respectively, then  
106 on the  $i^{th}$  ( $i = 1, \dots, N$ ) observational units then,  $\Pr(Y_i = 1) = \pi_i$  and  $\Pr(Y_i = 0) = 1 - \pi_i$ .  
107 These are the probabilities of 'success' and 'failure', respectively. In statistics, the objective is  
108 to investigate the relationship between the response probability  $\pi = \pi(x)$  and the explanatory  
109 variables  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_p)$ . Binary data are ungrouped data that lists observations by individual  
110 experimental units (McCullagh & Nelder, 2019).

111 PROC SURVEYLOGISTIC (Agnelli, 2014; Morel, 1989) from SAS Enterprise 9.4 was used  
112 to analyze the data. We fitted all significant variables at a 5% level in the GLM. The two-way  
113 interaction effect was considered in the analysis and was found to be significant. The model  
114 goodness-of-fit was assessed based on the Akaike Information Criterion (AIC) (Moeti, 2007).  
115 The prediction accuracy by the area under the ROC curve.

116 **Data source**

117 The current study used the data from the 2016 South African Demographic and Health Survey  
118 (SADHS). The SADHS 2016 followed a stratified two-stage sample design with a probability  
119 proportional to size sampling of PSUs (Primary Sampling Units) at the first stage and  
120 systematic sampling of DUs (Dwelling Units) at the second stage. Seven hundred and fifty  
121 PSUs were selected from 26 sampling strata, yielding 468 selected PSUs in urban areas, 224  
122 PSUs in rural areas, and 58 PSUs in farm areas. In this study we used women dataset provided  
123 by SADHS 2016. The current study considered 8514 women, from South Africa.

124 **4. Interpretation of Results**

125 **Descriptive Statistics**

126 The results from cross-tabulation analysis are summarized in Table 1. The table shows that the  
127 province with the highest prevalence of IPV was the Eastern Cape with 3.78%, followed by  
128 Kwazulu-Natal, Mpumalanga, Limpopo, Free State, North-West, Gauteng, Western Cape, and  
129 Northern Cape, with 3.69%, 3.68%, 3.62%, 2.90%, 2.90%, 2.84%, 1.66%, and 1.60%  
130 respectively. The table also shows that 24.28%, 2.44%, and 0.21% of women view wife-beating  
131 attitudes as unacceptable, acceptable, and unknown, respectively, (p-value<.0001). Women  
132 who terminated pregnancy is 3.77%, and 23.16% for those who have never done so, (p-  
133 value<.0001). The results found that 14.86% of women are using contraceptives while 12.07%  
134 are not, (p-value<.0001). Women who are single, married, and those living with a partner have  
135 a 14.15%, 7.48%, and 5.30% prevalence, respectively, (p-value<.0001).

136 **Statistical Inference**

137 Table 2 shows that a woman whose partner does not drink alcohol is 0.44 (OR=0.440, p-  
138 value<.0001) times less likely to experience IPV, compared to a woman whose partner drinks.  
139 A woman who has never witnessed her father beating her mother is 0.44 (OR=0.439, p-

140 value<.0001) times less likely to experience IPV, compared to a woman who has witnessed her  
141 father beating her mother. A woman who is unsure is 0.73 (OR=0.725, p-value=0.0200) times  
142 less likely to experience IPV, compared to a woman who has witnessed her father beating her  
143 mother. A woman who views wife-beating as acceptable is 1.80 (OR=1.797, p-value<.0001)  
144 times more likely to experience IPV, compared to a woman who views wife-beating as  
145 unacceptable. A woman who is unsure is 0.32 (OR=0.32, p-value<.0001) times less likely to  
146 experience IPV, compared to a woman who views wife-beating as unacceptable.

147 A woman with medium exposure to the media is 1.34 (OR=1.336, p-value=0.0007) times more  
148 likely to experience IPV, compared to a woman with low exposure to the media. A woman  
149 with high exposure to the media is 1.25 (OR=1.254, p-value=0.0283) times more likely to  
150 experience IPV, compared to a woman with low exposure to the media. A unit increase in the  
151 woman's age increases the chances of her experiencing IPV by 0.0122 units.

152 A one-member increase in the number of household members decreases a woman's chances of  
153 experiencing IPV by 0.1607 units. A woman from a house where the head of the household is  
154 male is 1.24 (OR=1.240, p-value=0.0006) times more likely to experience IPV, compared to a  
155 woman from a house where the head of the household is female. A woman who has never  
156 terminated a pregnancy is 0.66 (OR=0.660, p-value<.0001) times less likely to experience IPV,  
157 compared to a woman who has terminated a pregnancy.

158 A married woman is 1.70 (OR=1.704, p-value<.0001) times more likely to experience IPV  
159 compared to a single woman. A woman living with her partner is 1.81 (OR=1.805, p-  
160 value<.0001) times more likely to experience IPV compared to a single woman. A woman who  
161 stayed with her partner for 5-9 years is 0.80 (OR=0.802, p-value=0.0427) times less likely to  
162 experience IPV, compared to a woman who stayed with her partner for 0-4 years.

163 A woman who has an employed partner is 0.84 (OR=0.842, p-value=0.0268) times less likely  
164 to experience IPV, compared to a woman who does not know if her partner is employed or not.  
165 An employed woman is 1.30 (OR=1.295, p-value<.0001) times most likely to experience IPV  
166 compared to an unemployed woman. A woman who earns about the same as her partner is 1.19  
167 (OR=1.186, p-value=0.0262) times more likely to experience IPV, compared to a woman who  
168 earns than her partner. A woman whose partner does not bring in earnings is 1.41 (OR=1.411,  
169 p-value=0.0006) times more likely to experience IPV, compared to a woman who earns less  
170 than her partner. A woman who does not know about STIs is 0.43 (OR=0.428, p-value<.0001)  
171 times less likely to experience IPV than a woman who knows about STIs.

## 172 **Interaction effects**

173 Figure 1 shows that IPV increases with increasing age, whether a woman is using  
174 contraceptives or not. We observe from the same figure that IPV is higher among women using  
175 contraceptives compared to women not using contraceptives.

176 Figure 2 shows that IPV decreases for women from the poorest to a poorer wealth index class.  
177 For a woman who is not using contraceptives, it increases from a poorer to a middle wealth  
178 index class and decreases from a middle to a richer wealth index class. However, for a woman  
179 using contraceptives, we observe from the same figure that IPV increases for a woman from  
180 the poorest to a poorer wealth index class, and decreases for a woman from a poorer, middle,  
181 and richer wealth index class.

## 182 **5. Discussion**

183 The risk factors associated with IPV against women differ from country to country (WHO,  
184 2013). In most cases, this is a consequence of specific cultural beliefs, traditions, and policies  
185 of that country (Habyarimana et al., 2014). A woman with a partner who does not drink alcohol  
186 is at a low risk of experiencing IPV than a woman who has a partner who drinks alcohol. This



187 finding is consistent with other findings from previous studies (Ali, Yassin, & Omer, 2014;  
188 Habyarimana et al., 2018; Obi & Ozumba, 2007). A woman who has never witnessed her father  
189 abuse her mother is at low risk of experiencing IPV, compared to a woman who has witnessed  
190 her father abuse her mother. The more a woman is exposed to the media, the higher the risk of  
191 experiencing IPV.

192 The study's key findings reveal that as the woman's age increases, the risk of experiencing IPV  
193 also increases. Similar findings were found in other studies (Bonomi et al., 2007; Obi &  
194 Ozumba, 2007). The region from which the woman lives was statistically significant. A woman  
195 from a household with more members is at a low risk of experiencing IPV than a woman from  
196 a household with fewer members. A woman from a house where the household head was a  
197 male, was at a high risk of experiencing IPV compared to a woman who is from a house where  
198 the head of the household was a female.

199 A woman from the poorest, poorer, middle, and richer wealth index household, respectively,  
200 is at high risk of experiencing IPV than a woman from the richest wealth index household. A  
201 woman who has never terminated a pregnancy was at low risk of experiencing IPV than a  
202 woman who has once terminated a pregnancy. A woman who does not use any contraceptives  
203 was at low risk of experiencing IPV than a woman who uses contraceptives. A woman with a  
204 higher body mass index is at low risk of experiencing IPV than a woman with a low body mass  
205 index.

206 A woman who is married or staying with her partner is at higher risk of experiencing IPV than  
207 a single woman. A woman who has been staying with her partner for a period longer than 5  
208 years is at low risk of experiencing IPV than a woman who has stayed with her partner for less  
209 than 5 years. If a woman's partner wants the same number of children, then that woman is at

210 low risk of experiencing IPV than a woman whose partner wants more, fewer, or the woman  
211 does not know her partner's desire for children.

212 **The study also revealed that if a woman's partner is employed, then the woman is at a low risk**  
213 **of experiencing IPV than a woman whose partner is unemployed.** An employed woman is at a  
214 high risk of experiencing IPV than an unemployed woman. The study's findings also suggest  
215 that the older the woman's partner, the lower the risk of experiencing IPV. As the woman's  
216 earnings get higher than that of her partner, the risk of IPV gets lower. Like the findings by Obi  
217 & Ozumba (2007). The study's findings also show that a woman with the knowledge of STIs  
218 are at a high risk of experiencing IPV. As the woman's age increases and she is not using  
219 contraceptives, she is at a high risk of experiencing IPV than a woman who uses contraceptives.  
220 A woman who is using contraceptives from the different wealth index (poorest, poorer, middle,  
221 and richer) is at higher risk of experiencing IPV than a woman from the richest wealth index  
222 class who is not using contraceptives.

## 223 **6. Conclusion**

224 This current study highlights novel findings, such as the knowledge of sexually transmitted  
225 infections and contraceptive use by women as significant IPV risk factors. Perhaps  
226 governments need to educate couples contemplating marriages and married couples to go a  
227 short course addressing these issues. Religious organizations can attempt to assist couples from  
228 a grassroots level. These issues can also be addressed through roadshows in rural areas, public  
229 schools, and universities.

230 The women's exposure to the media could help in reducing the high rate of IPV. The study's  
231 findings suggest that women and men can be taught of IPV at an early age to avoid the high  
232 increase in violence cases as the woman gets older. The study's findings revealed that  
233 motivating women to empower themselves and be independent might reduce the rate of IPV.

234 Women may be encouraged to pursue their studies and open a business that could help them  
235 earn a living and be independent. The policymakers could use different platforms to get  
236 engaged with the targeted group of individuals. Some of these platforms could be social media,  
237 radio talk shows where women can talk about their experiences anonymously, television  
238 documentaries with willing participants outlining the different types of violence, and some of  
239 the health consequences resulting from the violence.

## 240 **7. Study limitations**

241 The current study used the DHS cross-sectional data sets, and this type of data may not address  
242 specific issues, such as causality. A longitudinal study may be more appropriate to determine  
243 causality.

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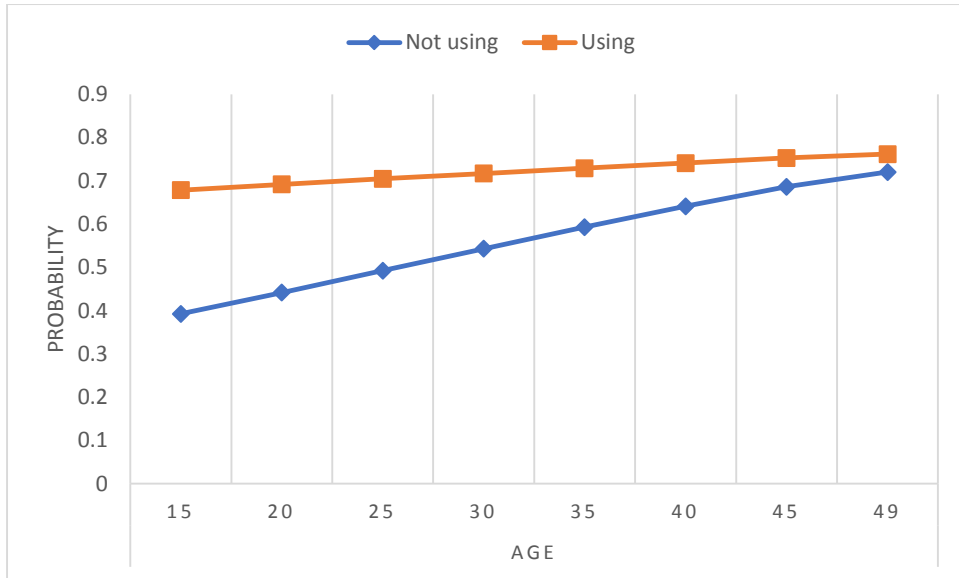
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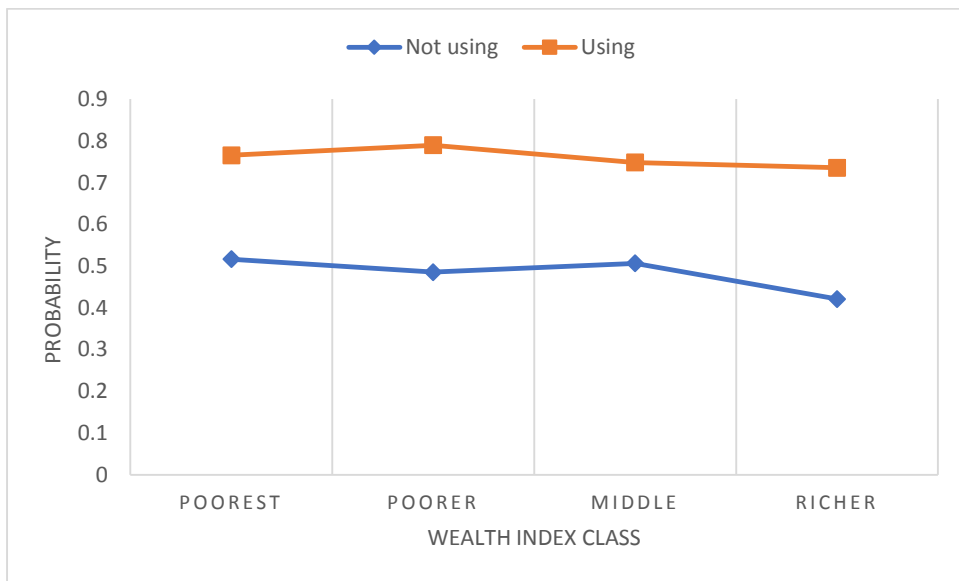
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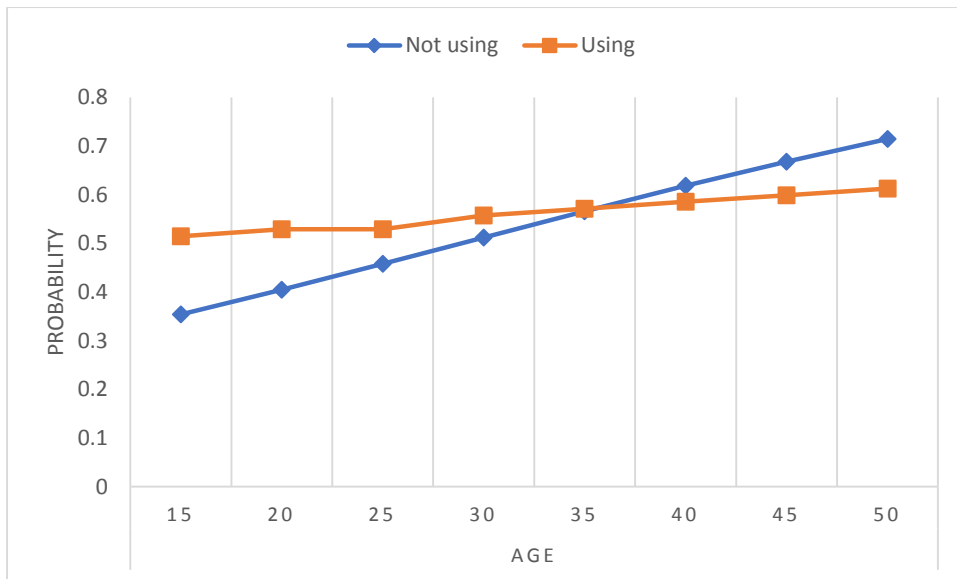


**Figure 1: Predicted probability of experiencing IPV by woman's age and contraceptive use (South Africa)**

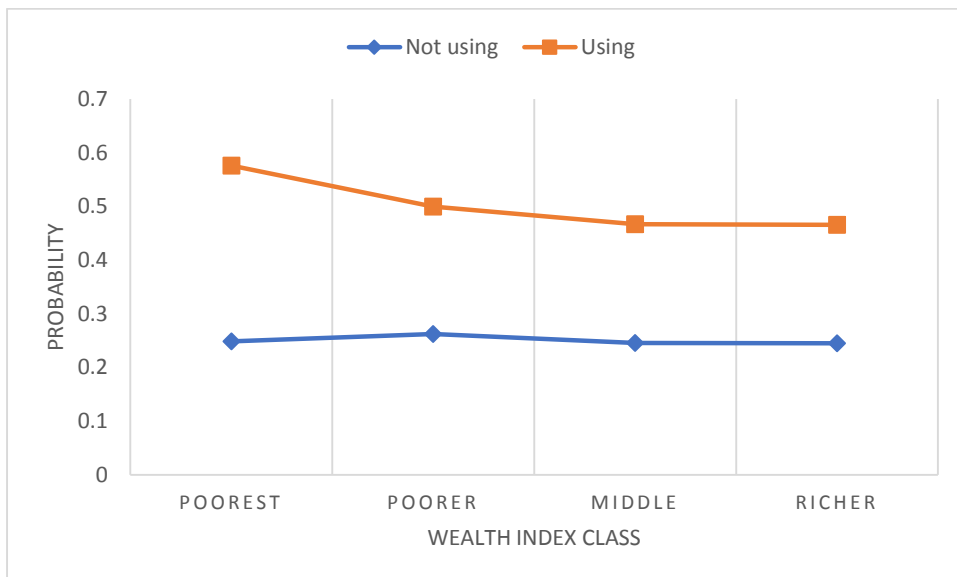


**Figure 2: Predicted probability of experiencing IPV by wealth index class and contraceptive use (South Africa)**





**Figure 3: Predicted probability of experiencing IPV by woman's age and contraceptive use (Uganda)**



**Figure 4: Predicted probability of experiencing IPV by Wealth index class and contraceptive use (Uganda)**

Indicator	Category	EXPERIENCED IPV		P-value
		YES - N (%)	NO - N (%)	
<b>IPV</b>		2293(26.93)	6221(73.07)	
<b>Woman's current age</b>	Continuous	Minimum=15		
		Mean=30.21		
		Maximum=49		
<b>Region</b>	Western Cape	141(1.66)	515(6.05)	<.0001
	Eastern Cape	322(3.78)	719(8.44)	
	Northern Cape	136(1.60)	582(6.84)	
	Free State	247(2.90)	607(7.13)	
	Kwazulu-Natal	314(3.69)	1024(12.29)	
	North West	270(2.90)	593(6.96)	
	Gauteng	242(2.84)	621(7.29)	
	Mpumalanga	313(3.68)	741(8.70)	
<b>Type of place of residence</b>	Rural	1263(14.83)	3542(41.60)	0.1256
	Urban	1030(12.10)	2679(31.47)	
<b>Woman's education level</b>	No education	58(0.68)	132(1.55)	0.3699
	Primary	245(2.88)	617(7.25)	
	Secondary	1745(20.50)	4836(56.80)	
	Higher	245(2.88)	636(7.47)	
<b>Number of household members</b>	Less than 5	1774(20.84)	3676(43.18)	<.0001
	More than or equal to 5	519(6.10)	2545(29.89)	
<b>Sex of the household head</b>	Male	1090(12.80)	2521(29.61)	<.0001
	Female	1203(14.13)	3700(43.46)	
<b>Literacy</b>	Cannot read	100(1.17)	232(2.72)	0.1816
	Able to read	2193(25.76)	5989(70.34)	
<b>Wife-beating attitude</b>	Unacceptable	2067(24.28)	5726(67.25)	<.0001
	Acceptable	208(2.44)	332(3.90)	
	I don't know	18(0.21)	163(1.91)	
<b>Access to the media</b>	Low exposure	325(3.83)	981(11.52)	<.0001
	Medium exposure	1384(16.26)	3345(39.39)	
	High exposure	583(6.85)	1886(22.15)	
<b>Wealth index</b>	Poorest	492(5.78)	1271(14.93)	<.0001
	Poorer	573(6.73)	1292(15.18)	
	Middle	587(6.89)	1369(16.08)	
	Richer	435(5.11)	1298(15.25)	
	Richest	206(2.42)	991(11.64)	
<b>Ever had a terminated pregnancy</b>	No	1972(23.16)	5763(67.69)	<.0001
	Yes	321(3.77)	458(5.38)	
<b>Contraceptive method used</b>	No	1028(12.07)	3461(40.65)	<.0001
	Yes	1265(14.86)	2760(32.42)	
<b>Body Mass Index</b>	Underweight	71(0.83)	201(2.36)	0.0806
	Healthy	637(7.48)	1676(19.69)	
	Overweight	559(6.57)	1384(16.26)	
	Obese	1026(12.05)	2960(34.77)	
<b>Current marital status</b>	Single	1205(14.15)	4468(52.48)	<.0001
	Married	637(7.48)	1188(13.95)	
	Living with partner	451(5.30)	565(6.64)	
<b>Number of other wives/partners</b>	No other wives	2109(24.77)	5741(67.43)	0.8179
	One or more	65(0.76)	178(2.09)	
	I don't know	119(1.40)	302(3.550)	
<b>Cohabitation duration</b>	0-4	2059(24.18)	5740(67.42)	0.0003

	5-9	234(2.75)	481(5.65)	
<b>Partner's desire for children</b>	Both want same	1077(12.65)	3434(40.33)	<.0001
	Partner wants more	453(5.32)	1041(12.23)	
	Partner wants fewer	129(1.52)	287(3.37)	
	Don't know	634(7.45)	1459(17.14)	
<b>Partner's education level</b>	No education	99(1.16)	279(3.28)	0.0130
	Primary	258(3.03)	588(6.91)	
	Secondary	1559(18.31)	4162(48.88)	
	Higher	364(4.28)	1147(13.47)	
	Don't know	13(0.15)	45(0.53)	
<b>Partner's occupation status</b>	Employed	1931(22.68)	5363(62.99)	0.0198
	Don't know	362(4.25)	858(10.08)	
<b>Woman's occupation status</b>	Unemployed	1261(14.81)	4148(48.72)	<.0001
	Employed	938(11.02)	1840(21.61)	
	Don't know	94(1.10)	233(2.74)	
<b>Partner's age</b>	Less than 25	139(1.63)	756(8.88)	<.0001
	Between 25 and 34	802(9.42)	2372(27.86)	
	35 and above	1352(15.88)	3093(36.33)	
<b>Woman's earnings compared to partner</b>	More than him	442(5.19)	1151(13.52)	0.0425
	Less than him	1219(14.32)	3441(40.42)	
	About the same	369(4.33)	998(11.72)	
	Partner doesn't bring in	209(2.45)	457(5.37)	
	Don't know	54(0.63)	174(2.04)	
<b>Knowledge of Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs)</b>	No	25(0.29)	242(2.84)	<.0001
	Yes	2268(26.64)	5979(70.23)	
<b>The person who usually decides on what to do with the woman's earnings</b>	Woman alone	723(8.49)	1709(20.07)	0.0011
	Woman and partner	1390(16.33)	4013(47.13)	
	Partner alone	180(2.11)	499(5.86)	
<b>Woman's father ever beat her mother</b>	No	1699(19.96)	5432(63.80)	<.0001
	Yes	449(5.27)	551(6.47)	
	Don't know	145(1.70)	238(2.80)	

**Table 1: The prevalence of IPV among women of reproductive age by category of the indicator variable (South Africa)**

Parameter	Estimate	Standard error	t-value	P-value	Odds ratio
<b>Intercept</b>	-0,0446	0.2857	-0,11	0,9118	0,9564
<b>Partner drinks alcohol (ref=Yes)</b>					
No	-0.8209	0.0572	-14.36	<.0001	0.440
Don't know	0.6884	0.5897	1.17	0.2435	1.991
<b>Woman's father ever beat her mother (ref=Yes)</b>					
No	-0.8233	0.0827	-9.96	<.0001	0.439
Don't know	-0.3209	0.1376	-2.33	0.0200	0.725
<b>Access to the media (ref=Low exposure)</b>					
Medium exposure	0.2897	0.0851	3.41	0.0007	1.336

High exposure	0.2262	0.1029	2.20	0.0283	1.254
<b>Wife-beating attitude(ref=Unacceptable)</b>					
Acceptable	0.5864	0.1056	5.55	<.0001	1.797
I don't know	-1.1440	0.2797	-4.09	<.0001	0.319
<b>Woman's current age</b>	0.0122	0.00621	1.96	0.0499	1.012
<b>Region (ref=Eastern Cape)</b>					
Western Cape	-0.4393	0.1389	-3.16	0.0016	0.645
Northern Cape	-0.6347	0.1575	-4.03	<.0001	0.530
Free State	0.0550	0.1277	0.43	0.6668	1.057
Kwazulu-Natal	0.0336	0.1193	0.28	0.7783	1.034
North West	-0.0256	0.1312	-0.20	0.8452	0.975
Gauteng	0.00839	0.1280	0.07	0.9478	1.008
Mpumalanga	0.0102	0.1081	0.09	0.9250	1.010
Limpopo	0.1858	0.1090	1.70	0.0888	1.204
<b>Number of household members</b>	-0.1607	0.0114	-14.07	<.0001	0.852
<b>Sex of household head (ref=Female)</b>					
Male	0.2149	0.0627	3.43	0.0006	1.240
<b>Wealth index (ref=Richest)</b>					
Poorest	0.6168	0.1568	3.93	<.0001	1.853
Poorer	0.7562	0.1478	5.12	<.0001	2.130
Middle	0.5239	0.1456	3.60	0.0003	1.689
Richer	0.4569	0.1413	3.23	0.0013	1.579
<b>Ever had a terminated pregnancy (ref=Yes)</b>					
No	-0.4158	0.0893	-4.66	<.0001	0.660
<b>The contraceptive method used (ref=Yes)</b>					
No	-1.6123	0.2623	-6.15	<.0001	0.199
<b>Body Mass Index</b>	-0.00220	0.00102	-2.16	0.0309	0.998
<b>Current marital status (ref=Single)</b>					
Married	0.5331	0.0787	6.78	<.0001	1.704
Living with partner	0.5908	0.0859	6.88	<.0001	1.805
<b>Cohabitation duration (ref=0 to 4 years)</b>					
5 to 9 years	-0.2212	0.1089	-2.03	0.0427	0.802
<b>Partner's desire for children (ref=Both want same)</b>					
Husband wants more	0.3046	0.0724	4.21	<.0001	1.356
Husband wants fewer	0.2540	0.1307	1.94	0.0523	1.289
Don't know	0.3093	0.0673	4.60	<.0001	1.362
<b>Partner's occupation (ref=Don't know)</b>					
Employed	-0.1725	0.0777	-2.22	0.0268	0.842
<b>Woman's occupation (ref=Unemployed)</b>					
Employed	0.2582	0.0622	4.15	<.0001	1.295
Don't know	0.0724	0.1378	0.53	0.5993	1.075
<b>Partner's age</b>	-0.0123	0.00458	-2.68	0.0076	0.988

<b>Woman's earnings compared to partner (ref=Less compared to him)</b>					
More compared to him	0.0220	0.0778	0.28	0.7773	1.022
About the same	0.1709	0.0764	2.24	0.0256	1.186
Partner does not bring in earnings	0.3442	0.0997	3.45	0.0006	1.411
Don't know	-0.0847	0.1670	-0.51	0.6124	0.919
<b>Ever heard of Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) (ref=Yes)</b>					
No	-0.8482	0.2218	-3.82	0.0001	0.428
<b>Interaction effects</b>					
<b>Woman's age by contraceptive use</b>	0.0285	0.00563	5.07	<.0001	1.029
<b>Wealth index (ref=Richest) by contraceptive use (ref=Not using)</b>					
Poorest by not using contraceptives	0.4954	0.2074	2.39	0.0172	1.641
Poorer by not using contraceptives	0.2314	0.1997	1.16	0.2470	1.260
Middle by not using contraceptives	0.5496	0.2036	2.70	0.0071	1.733
Richer by not using contraceptives	0.2709	0.2123	1.28	0.2022	1.311

**Table 2: Survey logistic regression model coefficients, standard errors, and odds ratios (South Africa)**