
Subject: Variable V238 in NFHS 1

Posted by [phres110](#) on Thu, 01 Dec 2016 14:48:34 GMT

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Dear DHS Experts

Thank you very much for your gentle and quick reply. I am sorry to bother you again i have one more question i am working on NFHS three rounds and cesarean section. In NFHS 1 as there is three years priors to the birth history is available. As far as i know V238 is the variable for deliveries in last three years i am searching for it but this variable is not present in NFHS 1(1992-93).

What is the alternative variable then?

Thanks in advance

dhs110

Subject: Re: Variable V238 in NFHS 1

Posted by [Trevor-DHS](#) on Thu, 22 Dec 2016 06:12:42 GMT

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Actually in NFHS 1 there is information for children born in the four years preceding the interview. Using the Individual Recode file, you can calculate the births in the last 4 years as follows:

gen kids = 0

foreach b of var b3* {

 replace kids = kids + 1 if v008 - `b' < 48

}I also discovered that in this survey, although v208 is labeled births in the last 5 years it actually contains births in the last 4 years. You can verify this by comparing v208 to the kids variable as follows:

tab v208 kidsSo thus you can use v208 for this survey.

Subject: Re: Variable V238 in NFHS 1

Posted by [phres110](#) on Thu, 22 Dec 2016 08:15:37 GMT

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Thank you very much dear. It works.

Regards.
