
Subject: Re: Discrepancies in Observations (Children's File 2014 Ghana DHS)

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Dear Sir,

I am very much grateful since this is the first time i am using a DHS data. However I would please need assistance with regards to these questions

1. Can't I use unweighted descriptive statistics of variables since i am using these variables to run regressions?

2. Since variables like v131 (5,883), v481 (5,883), v714 (5,880), v701 (5479), v467b, v467c and v467d (5, 883) had their total frequencies (in parenthesis) not up to 5,884, how do I call these differences?

3. Also if for instance
tab b5 is

| | | | |
|-------------|-------|---------|--------|
| child is | | | |
| alive | Freq. | Percent | Cum. |
| -----+----- | | | |
| no | 289 | 4.91 | 4.91 |
| yes | 5,595 | 95.09 | 100.00 |
| -----+----- | | | |
| Total | 5,884 | 100.00 | |

And tab h42 is

| | | | |
|-------------|-------|---------|--------|
| taking iron | | | |
| pills, | | | |
| sprinkles | | | |
| or syrup | Freq. | Percent | Cum. |
| -----+----- | | | |
| no | 4,296 | 76.81 | 76.81 |
| yes | 1,220 | 21.81 | 98.62 |
| don't know | 77 | 1.38 | 100.00 |
| -----+----- | | | |
| Total | 5,593 | 100.00 | |

And tab h42 b5 is

| | | |
|------------------------|-------|-------|
| taking | | |
| iron | | |
| pills, child is | | |
| sprinkles alive | | |
| or syrup yes Total | | |
| -----+----- | | |
| no | 4,296 | 4,296 |
| yes | 1,220 | 1,220 |
| don't know | 77 | 77 |

-----+-----+-----
Total | 5,593 | 5,593

Then please in the above example since b5 (yes) is 5, 595 and the total frequency of h42 is 5,593, please how do I term the difference of 2 since the h42 was applicable to only those who were alive? And please can I apply your response to similar situations?

4. Please is there any means in stata where for instance I can use the tab command to get me the maternal employment frequency distribution(not crosstab) of only children who were alive. Thanks so much for your patience.

Best regards,

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