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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.
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no	289	4.91	4.91
yes	5,595	95.09	100.00
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Total	5,884	100.00	

And tab h42 is

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

And tab h42 b5 is

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

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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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