

---

Subject: Re: 12 Month Contraceptive Discontinuation - Rwanda  
Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Tue, 02 Aug 2016 20:04:08 GMT  
[View Forum Message](#) <> [Reply to Message](#)

---

Following is a response from Senior DHS Stata Specialist, Tom Pullum:

Are you using the file RWIR70FL.dta? This file DOES include the contraceptive calendar, as a string variable called vcal\_1. It has one character for each month beginning with the month identified by v017 (in general, this is the century month code for January of the calendar year that is five years before the start of fieldwork). In this survey the number of characters or months in the string ranges from 71 to 76, depending on the month of interview. Last year we did a methodological report based on calendar data (<https://www.dhsprogram.com/pubs/pdf/MR17/MR17.pdf>) and some other documentation is available if you need help.

---