
Subject: Re: Calculating Under 5 Mortality Rate
Posted by [Liz-DHS](#) on Tue, 27 Sep 2016 16:16:26 GMT

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A response from Dr. Tom Pullum:

Quote:

The calculation of the under-five rates is vastly more complex. DHS uses a synthetic (or life table) approach. Deaths and risk are assessed within an interval of time, such as the five years before the survey, and within eight sub-intervals of age. The method is described in the Guide to DHS Statistics [https:// www.dhsprogram.com/pubs/pdf/DHSG1/Guide_to_DHS_Statistics_29Oct2012_DHSG1.pdf](https://www.dhsprogram.com/pubs/pdf/DHSG1/Guide_to_DHS_Statistics_29Oct2012_DHSG1.pdf).

It happens that within the next couple of weeks I will be putting a Stata program onto the DHS website that calculates these rates. I'm afraid you will have to wait until then.

Thank you for your post.
