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Subject: Re: Flag for age at death (b13) - unexpected results  
Posted by [Reduced-For\(u\)m](#) on Wed, 15 Jan 2014 19:24:03 GMT  
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Thanks Liz. So practical question then:

Suppose I'm computing U1 infant mortality rate by year of birth (just in the simplest, Ndeaths/Nbirths, way) - include or exclude the flagged observations? It seems like this is mostly an issue with enumerators following a difficult set of instructions (when to record days v. months, for example), and may not be an indication of bad data. But it also seems like if the answers are off by, say, a few months or so, you've got a reasonable chance of ascribing the person to the wrong cohort/birth year.

Just curious what DHS does with these observations when computing infant/child mortality rates. I don't think the DHS reports usually compute the year-on-year mortality rates, but what do they do with these observations in general?

Thanks.

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