Subject: Re: Where can I find z-scores?

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If you are a STATA user, there is a new package called "haz06" which you can install that will calculate the WHO standards using the height and age variables, which is particularly convenient when you are using older DHS surveys that only have the old standards. You have to be careful that you are using age and height in the right units (months and cm - I think).

If any of the mods/DHS people know something I don't know about this package, I'd be very happy to hear, but it seems to work pretty well for me, and the new standards are a lot more consistent across age (especially at the over/under 24 month cut) than the old ones, at least for populations with mean HAZ below -1 (like most of the populations the DHS covers).