
Subject: Re: UNDER FIVE MORTALITY

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Here is a fairly simplistic piece of code that follows the approach given in the Guide to DHS Statistics, and produces estimates for five five-year periods.

It doesn't produce standard errors or confidence intervals, but allows you to see how the calculations are done:

- * Example of early childhood mortality rates calculations

- * Trevor Croft, March 9, 2018

- * Change directory to the data directory

```
cd "C:\Users\xxxx\Data"
```

- * Open DHS dataset - births recode file

```
use v005 v008 b3 b5 b7 using "IABR71FL.DTA", clear
```

- * Create variables for time period limits - need to use variables as these change from case to case

```
gen t1 = .
```

```
gen t2 = .
```

- * Initialize local variable lists used later

```
local vlist
```

```
local vlist2
```

- * Loop through 5-year time periods

```
forvalues period = 0/4 {
```

- * Calculate upper limit of time period

```
replace t2 = v008 - 60*`period'
```

- * Calculate lower limit of time period

```
replace t1 = t2 - 60
```

- * List age group lower limits

```
local agegroups 0 1 3 6 12 24 36 48 60
```

- * Turn these into tokens to use for the upper limits of the age groups

```
tokenize `agegroups'
```

- * Loop through the age groups

```
foreach age of numlist `agegroups' {
```

- * Ignore the 60+ age group - this was just to set the upper limit for the last age group - see a2

```
if (`age' < 60) {
```

- * Create local for lower limit of age group - use locals as these are constants

```
local a1 = `age'
```

- * Create local for upper limit of age group = the lower limit of the next age group

```
local a2 = `2'
```

- * Cohort A numerator

```
gen numA`age'`period' = ((`a1' <= b7 & b7 < `a2') & (t1 - `a2' <= b3 & b3 < t1 - `a1'))
```

- * Cohort B numerator

```
gen numB`age'`period' = ((`a1' <= b7 & b7 < `a2') & (t1 - `a1' <= b3 & b3 < t2 - `a2'))
```

- * Cohort C numerator

```

gen numC`age'`period' = ((`a1' <= b7 & b7 < `a2') & (t2 - `a2' <= b3 & b3 < t2 - `a1'))
* Cohort A denominator
gen denA`age'`period' = ( (b5 == 1 | `a1' <= b7) & (t1 - `a2' <= b3 & b3 < t1 - `a1'))
* Cohort B denominator
gen denB`age'`period' = ( (b5 == 1 | `a1' <= b7) & (t1 - `a1' <= b3 & b3 < t2 - `a2'))
* Cohort C denominator
gen denC`age'`period' = ( (b5 == 1 | `a1' <= b7) & (t2 - `a2' <= b3 & b3 < t2 - `a1'))

* Count half for deaths for cohort C, except for the last period where all deaths are counted
local f = 0.5
if (`period' == 0) {
    local f = 1
}
* Sum numerators from cohorts A, B and C for this case
gen num`age'`period' = 0.5*numA`age'`period' + numB`age'`period' + numC`age'`period'*`f'
* Sum denominators from cohorts A, B and C for this case
gen den`age'`period' = 0.5*denA`age'`period' + denB`age'`period' + denC`age'`period'*0.5

* Generate list of numerator and denominator variables for period and age for collapse
command below
local vlist `vlist' num`age'`period' den`age'`period'
* Similarly generate list of numerator and denominator variables for period only for reshape
command below
if (`period' == 0) {
    local vlist2 `vlist2' num`age'__ den`age'__
}
}
* Shift the token list to the next age group
mac shift
}
}

* Sum all numerators and denominators - weighted sum
collapse (sum) `vlist' [pw=v005/1000000]

* Add a variable to act as ID for the reshape
gen x = 0
* Reshape long by age group
reshape long `vlist2', i(x) j(period)
* Drop the underscore (_) on the end of variable names
rename * _ *

* Reshape now for periods
reshape long num den, i(period) j(a1)
* Drop the x variable as we no longer need it
drop x

```

```

* Generate the upper bounds of the age groups
gen a2 = a1[_n+1]
replace a2 = 60 if a1 == 48

* Calculate the age group mortality probabilities
gen death = num / den
* Calculate the age group survival probabilities
gen surv = 1 - death

* Generate product of survival probabilities:
gen prodsurv = surv if a1 == 0
replace prodsurv = surv * prodsurv[_n-1] if a1 > 0
* Generate product of survival probabilities for child mortality rate, starting at 12 months
gen prodsurv2 = surv if a1 == 12
replace prodsurv2 = surv * prodsurv2[_n-1] if a1 > 12

* Neonatal mortality rate
gen nmr = 1000*(1-prodsurv) if a2 == 1
* Postneonatal mortality rate (calculated later)
gen pnmr = .
* Infant mortality rate
gen imr = 1000*(1-prodsurv) if a2 == 12
* Child mortality rate
gen cmr = 1000*(1-prodsurv2) if a2 == 60
* Under-five mortality rate
gen u5mr = 1000*(1-prodsurv) if a2 == 60

* Capture just the rates
collapse (min) nmr pnmr imr cmr u5mr, by(period)

* Postneonatal mortality rate = IMR - NMR
replace pnmr = imr - nmr

* Now see the results
list

```

And the results basically match the syncmrates program

	period	nmr	pnmr	imr	cmr	u5mr
1.	0	29.46365	11.2654	40.72905	9.390652	49.73727
2.	1	31.49295	12.24667	43.73962	11.31612	54.56078
3.	2	33.03296	13.47327	46.50623	12.88736	58.79426
4.	3	36.41945	15.01405	51.4335	16.21401	66.81353
5.	4	40.38089	18.37582	58.75671	19.31465	76.93649