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Subject: Re: How to calculate mother's age at most recent birth (last birth) in BDHS 2011

Posted by [Hassen](#) on Fri, 01 Jun 2018 12:31:10 GMT

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Dear user, Maternal age at birth is computed as follow:

Maternal age at birth=(B3-V011)/12

For SPSS user, we have to follow the following steps:

- 1) Open your SPSS Data set
- 2) Click Transform
- 3) Click Compute Variable
- 4) Write your target variable in the target variable box
- 5) Write the numeric expression (equation)  
=(B3-V011)/12 into the Numeric Expression box.
- 6) Click "Ok"

#Then to Categorized (Recode) this variable follow the following steps:

- 1) Click Transform
- 2) Click recode into Different Variable
- 3) Choose your target variable and move into input variable box
- 4) Write the output variable "Name & Label"
- 5) Click "Change"
- 6) Click "Old and New values"
- 7) Click "Range, LOWEST through value: Then write for example 19.999 value into the box to exclude the value "20" Then give the value as you want (for example "1") & add for Range values, for example 20-29 years  
Click "Range" write "20" through "29" Then give value for example "2" Then Add  
You can do all by this step. ~Finally Click Continue.

It may help you!!

I am a new DHS Forum user, You can search other sources for SPSS and also DHS users & experts may add for you.

With Best Wishes, Hassen