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Subject: Re: number of pregnancies - Kenya DHS 2008

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Dear User,

The recode calendar variables are in Rec82 and are called VCOL and VCAL. If you downloaded the data, you should have a map and a dictionary indicating the location of REC 82. This is part of the woman's data and is what you should be using. If you are using CSpPro to do your analysis, the name of the dataset containing the woman's data is called KEIR52.zip. You can refer to The Standard Recode Guide [http://dhsprogram.com/pubs/pdf/DHSG4/Recode6\\_DHS\\_22March2013\\_DHSG4.pdf](http://dhsprogram.com/pubs/pdf/DHSG4/Recode6_DHS_22March2013_DHSG4.pdf) for additional information regarding the calendar variables and how they are used. The publication is bookmarked and under the bookmark called "Section and Variable Description - Individual" there is a bookmark called "Section W82 (REC82)- Calendar". The Guide to DHS Statistics also has a section on PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE, P96. This section has the Definition and the Calculation including the handling of missing values. In addition our website has a section on Data Variables and Definitions

<http://dhsprogram.com/data/Data-Variables-and-Definitions.cfm>. You may also want to refer to Further Analysis #59 Contraceptive Use Dynamics

<http://dhsprogram.com/pubs/pdf/FA59/FA59.pdf> This is an older publication but the analysis was done using calendar data.

We also have a very useful section on our website on Using Datasets for Analysis

<http://dhsprogram.com/data/Using-Datasets-for-Analysis.cfm>. Finally, also on our website there is a section on the various types of datafiles and the naming convention.

<http://dhsprogram.com/data/File-Types-and-Names.cfm> This will provide a clear example of the various datasets. Please feel free to post again if this does not answer your question.

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