Subject: Re: Calculating stillbirth using Pakistan DHS 2006-07
Posted by Bridgette-DHS on Fri, 24 Jan 2020 16:18:57 GMT
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Following is a response from Senior DHS Specialist, Kerry MacQuarrie:

When trying to match numbers from a final report table, I find it helpful to systematically work through the following steps, since there are so many different ways one could "go wrong" in matching numbers. Could you work through these steps and identify where you first encounter a mismatch? That will help us help you fix your code.

Check that you have:
1. Correct data file unit of analysis
2. Correct denominator population at risk
3. Correct variables: find and understand your variables (As you undoubtedly already know, there is no pre-calculated variable for stillbirths. Rather, stillbirths are defined as any non-live birth occurring at 7 or more months gestational age.)
4. Correct recoding special values
5. Correct weights
6. Correct tabulation row vs. column percent

You may also want to refer to the coding resources that The DHS Program has on infant and child mortality on Github: https://github.com/DHSProgram

I hope this helps.

Please respond if you still cannot identify the problem after following these steps.