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Subject: Re: NMR, PMR, and IMR estimation with syncmrates  
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Following is a response from DHS Research & Data Analysis Director, Tom Pullum:

b6 and b7 are age at death and are only coded if the child has died (b5=0). If the child is still alive (b5=1), then b6 and b7 are not applicable (NA), which is coded with a dot in Stata. These are not "missing" values, they are just NA. Thus, your 92% "missing" actually means that 92% of children are living and 8% have died. In the terminology of survival analysis, age at death is censored for 92% of the children. I hope you are using the BR file for this analysis, rather than the KR file.

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