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Subject: Re: Creating variable of first prenatal care visit  
Posted by [Shireen-DHS](#) on Wed, 14 Oct 2020 13:02:13 GMT  
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Hello,

The variable you need for this question is the number of months pregnant at time of first ANC visit (m13\_1 in IR file among women). This is calculated for the most recent birth in the last five years.

To understand this indicator better please refer to the Guide to DHS Statistics here:  
[https://www.dhsprogram.com/Data/Guide-to-DHS-Statistics/index.htm#t=Antenatal\\_Care.htm%23Percent\\_distribution\\_of15bc-2&a mp;rhtocid=\\_12\\_0\\_1](https://www.dhsprogram.com/Data/Guide-to-DHS-Statistics/index.htm#t=Antenatal_Care.htm%23Percent_distribution_of15bc-2&a mp;rhtocid=_12_0_1)

To know how to code the variable in Stata and others listed in the Guide to DHS statistics please use our code library stored on the GitHub site here:  
<https://github.com/DHSProgram/DHS-Indicators-Stata>

The variable you are looking for is in the Reproductive health chapter (Chapter 9) and the variable you are looking for is coded in the RH\_ANC.do file on GitHub here:  
[https://github.com/DHSProgram/DHS-Indicators-Stata/tree/master/Chap09\\_RH](https://github.com/DHSProgram/DHS-Indicators-Stata/tree/master/Chap09_RH)

However to use this code and any code on our GitHub site, please first read the readme file and also the main file for the chapter. In this case you will need to run the RH\_age\_period.do file first then use RH\_ANC.do to code the two indicators :

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rh_anc_moprg "Number of months pregnant at time of first ANC visit"  
rh_anc_4mo "Attended ANC <4 months of pregnancy".
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Thank you.

Best,

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