Subject: Re: Infant data(less then 1 yr) from Children data
Posted by Bridgette-DHS on Tue, 15 Apr 2014 15:29:31 GMT

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Following is Shea Rutstein's response to your post:

MIDX is the index to the maternal health section. As the standard recode is structured, the child of the section with MIDX(1) is the most recent child born in the five years preceding the survey. BIDX is the index to the birth history section. BIDX(1) refers to the most recent child of the mother. However, this child could have been born prior to the five years preceding the survey. Therefore the number of children is not the same since many mothers will have their youngest child whose age is five years or higher (or a dead child born five or more years ago). Thus the count of children with BIDX(1)=1 can be greater than that of children with MIDX(1)=1. Matching the sections needs to be done so that there is a one-to-one correspondence.