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Subject: Zimbabwe 2015DHS

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I am writing an article on the effect of a child's living arrangement on education attainment, focusing on a sample of children living without their biological mothers whose ages range between 7-14 years.

I am using Zimbabwe 2015DHS data and my worry is the huge discrepancy in the percentage of children living without mothers when comparing results from the Birth record files and Personal Record files. From the birth record file, using variable b9, I got 23% of children living without mothers, by using the Personal record and the line for child mother, I got 39% of children living without mothers. the percentage for children whose mother is dead is 8%. Now I failed to find a plausible explanation for the huge discrepancy between the BR and PR files.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

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