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Subject: Re: What Should be Used "And (&)" "or "OR (|)"  
Posted by [Shireen-DHS](#) on Thu, 12 Nov 2020 14:11:19 GMT  
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Dear Dr. Hussain,

Based on your description of your population of interest it seems you should be using & which is AND not OR. However, I am not sure why you would need to exclude birth that occurred in the month of the interview using v210. I cannot comment on your model or your analysis.

For the age/period question, this comes from the RH\_age\_period.do file on our GitHub site:  
[https://github.com/DHSProgram/DHS-Indicators-Stata/tree/master/Chap09\\_RH](https://github.com/DHSProgram/DHS-Indicators-Stata/tree/master/Chap09_RH)

Age is the age of the child and period here is defined as the last five years before the survey. For some indicators the estimate is reported in the last 3 years or last 2 years (check the final report for your indicator of interest) so we create the variable period so the user can only change it one time.

So for BR files it is:

```
gen age = v008 - b3
```

\*if you have b19 in the file you need to use that for age instead so age would be : age=b19

\*only recent surveys have b19

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gen period = 60
```

\* 60 is 5 years in months

Thank you.

Best,  
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