
Subject: Re: Gender of the first born child

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Following is a response from DHS Research & Data Analysis Director, Tom Pullum:

The following lines will do what you want. You can run this on any IR file. I assign code "0" to women who have not had a first birth but of course that's optional.

use "C:\Users\26216\ICF\Analysis - Shared Resources\Data\DHSdata\ALIR71FL.DTA" , clear

```
rename b*_0* b*_*
```

```
gen sex_of_first_child=.
```

```
local li=1
```

```
while `li'<=20 {
```

```
  replace sex_of_first_child=b4_`li' if bord_`li'==1
```

```
  local li=`li'+1
```

```
}
```

```
replace sex_of_first_child=0 if sex_of_first_child==.
```

```
label define first_child 0 "No children" 1 "Boy" 2 "Girl"
```

```
label values sex_of_first_child first_child
```

```
tab sex_of_first_child
```
