
Subject: Re: Reproductive calendar

Posted by [user-rhs](#) on Mon, 26 May 2014 03:41:09 GMT

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Kash,

Since I originally posted the Stata code to extract each character into its own variable, I have revised my methods and would not recommend trimming the variables into a certain length x. Go ahead and extract each character in the variable, which means adding X number of repetitions of the lines that read `gen ____ =substr(....)` (I think the standard length was 80? I'm not at my desk right now and don't have the data in front of me). The different lengths in number of characters is normal and to be expected. It is a function of when the woman was interviewed. Remember that the start date for the calendar is the same for all women, so if a woman was interviewed toward the end of the data collection cycle, she will have more months of information than a woman who was interviewed at the beginning of the data collection cycle.

HTH,
RHS
