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Subject: Re: Still births-infant mortality

Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Wed, 17 Feb 2021 13:02:06 GMT

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

You are identifying stillbirths with a string T P P P P P P, that is, a termination preceded by 6 (or more) months of pregnancy. T identifies terminations other than a live birth, and includes miscarriages, abortions, and stillbirths. However, if T is preceded by 6+ months of pregnancy, it is almost sure to be a stillbirth. That would be the usual assumption.

If a T occurs near month 80 of the calendar, there may be fewer than 6+ months of pregnancy. In fact, you will find some T's right in month 80, with NO preceding P's. (This point is probably not serious because you are probably not using the full calendar for your reference period.)

You are probably looking for stillbirths within the past 3 years. This means that the T occurred in that interval, not that T P P P P P P occurred in that interval. You need to identify these strings and THEN restrict to those for which T is in the past 3 years.

Note that the number of events given in the report will be weighted by v005. If your number is unweighted, and the number in the report is weighted (and rounded to the nearest integer) there will be a difference.

Please let us know if you still cannot get a match, taking these things into account.

Did you check how the GitHub code identifies stillbirths as a component of perinatal deaths?

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