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Subject: Re: Most recent born Vs All births in Five Years  
Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Thu, 25 Feb 2021 19:14:34 GMT  
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Following is a response from DHS Research & Data Analysis Director, Tom Pullum:

If you require that  $v208=1$ , then you are selecting children whose mother had only one birth in the past five years. The child with  $bidx=1$  will be that one child. In the KR file, there won't be any other children with the same mother. That child will definitely have  $b0=0$ , that is will be a singleton. Any other value of  $b0$  for the most recent child would imply that the mother had MORE THAN ONE birth in the past five years. That is, the requirement that  $b0=0$  is superfluous.

I guess I don't really understand what is your intended sample. Can you answer yes or no to the following three questions? (1) Child must be a singleton? (yes/no). (2) Child must be the only child born in the past five years? (yes/no). (3) Must be the most recent birth? (yes/no). Thanks!

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