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Subject: Re: Infertility as a composite variable

Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Mon, 10 May 2021 13:59:12 GMT

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

I don't understand what you mean by "calculate live birth". Do you want to identify women who ever had a live birth? These are women with v201>0. Women who never had a live birth are those with v201=0. Women who never had a pregnancy are those with v201=0 and v228=0. Women who did not have a live birth in the past five years are those with v208=0. These are the main variables to measure childlessness, or primary or secondary infertility. What statistical package are you using? At DHS we mainly use Stata.

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