
Subject: Re: Indonesia breastfeeding variables (m4 m5) 2012

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Hello,

Yes there are sometimes changes in the variables values over time.

I suggest you first read the breastfeeding sections of chapter 11 in the Guide to DHS Statistics. There is a section on changes over time.

https://www.dhsprogram.com/Data/Guide-to-DHS-Statistics/index.htm#t=11_Nutrition_of_Children_and_Adults.htm

We have SPSS and Stata code for any indicator listed in the Guide to the DHS Statistics in our GitHub site: <https://github.com/DHSProgram>

In your case please check Chapter 11 but first read the readme file and the main file for each chapter.

I was confused by your use of v222. For child's age we calculate this by v008 - b3 for older surveys and b19 for recent surveys (check the NTmain.do file where we have this calculation).

We also usually calculate breastfeeding indicators using the KR file not the IR file. However, if your analysis has women as the unit of analysis then you can use the IR file but you would need to adjust our standard code if you plan to use it. For instance m4_1 instead of m4.

Thank you.

Best,

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