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Subject: Re: Neonatal Mortality

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

In general, when they are in the data, bidx and midx are exactly the same. However, midx is limited to children born in the past five years and bidx includes all children in the birth history, so midx is NA (a dot in Stata) for children born more than five years ago. I would use bidx, even though in the analysis you are describing, midx should give the same result. If in doubt, run once with bidx and run again with midx and compare the results. They should match.