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Subject: Re: Number of Full term Pregnancies

Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Thu, 03 Feb 2022 15:19:58 GMT

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

Please clarify. The woman's number of live births is v201. DHS surveys do not include reliable information about the duration of pregnancies that ended in a live birth, even for recent births.

Most surveys include a table on perinatal mortality, which gives the number of stillbirths in the past five years for the sample, but there is not an explicit variable for that in the recode files. Stillbirths are estimated as the number of pregnancy terminations, other than live births, with duration 7 months. In some surveys terminations (T) are broken into stillbirths, miscarriages, and abortions within the calendar.

Are you looking for stillbirths following a nine-month pregnancy? As I said, please clarify what you are looking for.