
Subject: Re: Want to count neonatal mortality individuals
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Following is a response from DHS Research & Data Analysis Director, Tom Pullum:

Neonatal deaths are deaths on completed days of age 0-27 (the first 28 days). You can identify them as children in the KR or BR files with $b6 \leq 127$. Alternatively, people sometimes use $b7=0$, where $b7$ is a recode constructed from $b6$ as "0 completed months".

$b7=0$ includes days 28, 29, and 30, which should technically not be counted as neonatal. Even though much of the earlier analysis of neonatal mortality was based on $b7=0$ rather than $b6 \leq 127$, I recommend that you use $b6$.