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Subject: Re: Siblings ranking

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

If you are asking about girls who appear in their mother's birth history, you can use bord or bidx. With bord, the firstborn child has the value 1. For bidx, the the value 1 is assigned to the most recent birth. You can use bord to sequence them from oldest to youngest, or bidx to sequence them from youngest to oldest.

However, many or most girls/women age 15-17 in the household are not living with their mother, or their mother is older than age 49, so you can only sequence them by their stated age and birthdate.

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