
Subject: Re: Wanted Total Fertility Rate in DHS
Posted by [Liz-DHS](#) on Tue, 24 Jun 2014 19:05:14 GMT

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Dear User,

Here is a response from one of our technical experts, Dr. Shea Rutstein:

Here is the STATA instruction given:

A preceding child (let's say j) is considered living at the time of conception of the child i if:

**C1) j is born before the date of conception of i, That is: $b3_j < dconcep_i$

**C2) j is living at the time of the survey, That is: $b5_j == 1$

**C3) OR j died at or before the date of conception of i, That is: $b3_j + b7_j \leq dconcep_i$

But a child who died at or before conception of the next child is dead at the time of conception.

The correct code should be

**C3) OR j died after the date of conception of i, That is: $b3_j + b7_j > dconcep_i$

Shea
