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Subject: Number of observations and age at time of birth

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First, a very basic question: I'm working with the 2017/2018 birth recode dataset and I'm just trying to figure out how many women were interviewed. I notice in the narrative report for 2017/2018 in section 1.9 that "Among the 20,376 ever-married women age 15-49 eligible for interviews, 20,127 were interviewed, yielding a response rate of 99%." When I do a simple .codebook caseid for the birth recode file, the number of observations is 18,134. And it appears that there are 47,828 observations in the file in total. What does that number of observations refer to, and why is there a difference between the number of case IDs and the number of women reported interviewed?

Second, I'm trying to figure out how the age of the woman at the time of each birth was determined. In the narrative report on variables associated with place of delivery (table 9.6), it notes "Mother's Age at Birth." I see a number of variables in the .dta file that record the mother's age, but can't figure out which would be the relevant ones for age at a particular birth and how to tab that with place of delivery (or cesarean section, etc).

Thanks in advance for your help!

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