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Subject: Re: Maternal age at first birth

Posted by [Trevor-DHS](#) on Tue, 19 Aug 2014 15:12:33 GMT

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Hi Method,

you are right about the calculation - I wrote that backwards. It should be  $\text{int}((v211-v011)/12)$  as you have it.

BIDX\$01 and BORD\$01 are referring to the same child - all birth history variables with \$01 are the same child, and that is the last born child.

BIDX\$01 will be 1 - the index number for the birth history, going from oldest to youngest.

BORD\$01 is the birth order, and, for example, if the woman had 8 children BORD\$01 would be 8.

similarly, for the child before last the variables all end with \$02.

BIDX\$02 will be 2 - the index number in the birth history.

BORD\$02 is the birth order, and, continuing the example from above, for a woman with 8 children it would have the value 7.

If a woman gave birth to 8 children, you will find the information about the first born child in the variables with \$08 on the end.

Similarly if a woman gave birth to 6 children, you will find the information for the first born child in the variables ending with \$06.

I hope this helps to clarify the structure of the data.

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