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Subject: Re: Questions about calculating general fertility - Nigeria 2018 DHS  
Posted by [Janet-DHS](#) on Tue, 29 Aug 2023 20:27:42 GMT  
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Following is a response from DHS staff member, Tom Pullum:

This is a question about maternal mortality and your subject line is about fertility. I'll respond anyway. I have done some checking and I don't match your 478 maternal deaths OR the 451 maternal deaths in the report and on STATcompiler. I get 439 maternal deaths (that's weighted; my unweighted number is 463). This is puzzling because I am using a Stata program (which I wrote) that matches other surveys (see the text file "adult\_mm\_rates\_do\_24Aug2023.txt").

I'm curious about this but don't have time to explore the reason for these discrepancies. Note that the maternal deaths require a rather complex recode of mm9 and mm16: "(mm9==3 | (mm9==2 & mm16==0) | (mm9==5 & mm16==0))". It's complex because accidents and violence may happen during pregnancy or postpartum but they are assumed not to happen at delivery.

#### File Attachments

1) [adult\\_mm\\_rates\\_do\\_24Aug2023.txt](#) , downloaded 332 times

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