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Subject: Re: Treating datasets with an LBW infant  
Posted by [Janet-DHS](#) on Fri, 15 Sep 2023 21:35:56 GMT  
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Following is a response from DHS staff member, Tom Pullum:

In the Philippines 2022 survey, birthweight (m19) is a characteristic of the child, included for all children born in the past 5 years, whether or not they are still alive. You would normally analyze it with the KR file, for which children are units. I looked at the final report and, as I would expect, all tables describing birthweight have children as the units of analysis.

If you want to construct a woman-level (or household-level) variable based on whether there was a low birthweight (LBW) child in the past 5 years, you can use your own judgment for how to do that. For example, you could construct a variable that would be 0 if a woman's most recent birth (in the past 5 years) was NOT LBW, 1 if it was, and NA (a dot in Stata) if she had no births in the past 5 years. That's just a suggestion.

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