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Subject: Re: Dataset with county disaggregated under 5 mortality rates

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Following is a response from Senior DHS staff member, Tom Pullum:

The U5MR may seem like the simplest rate but in fact it is the most complicated. Deaths and exposure are calculated separately for each of 8 age intervals. If you want an exact match, you have to use CM\_CHILD.do or something equivalent.

If you want to compare subpopulations, then you can construct a measure such as the proportion of children born 1-120 months before the month of interview who died before the 5th birthday. You would use the BR file; b3 is cmc of birth, v008 is month of interview, and b7<60 identifies children who died before the 5th birthday. This will give a binary variable that can be used in logit regressions, hazard models, etc., but it is NOT the same as the U5MR.