Subject: Re: Not matching with Table

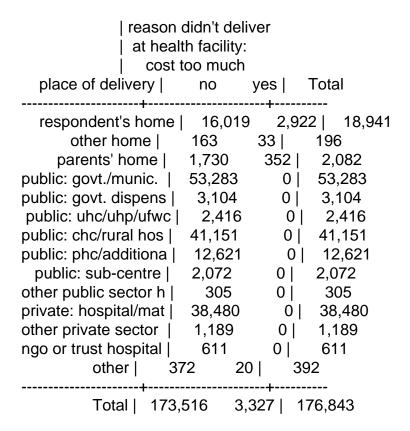
Posted by Janet-DHS on Wed, 06 Dec 2023 21:56:05 GMT

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

Thanks for pointing this out. Yes, it is possible that there was inconsistent treatment of m15=98 ("Other"). I have cross-tabulated m15 with the various m65 variables, which give the reasons for not having a facility ("Institutional") birth. Here's an example (for bidx=1:

## . tab m15 m65a,m



In this table, "Other" (m15=98) is classified with home births. You say that in table 8.14 it was classified with institutional births. If so, that would be an inconsistency.

I see an error in the coding of the m65 variables that could have led to this. For example, m65a takes the values 0 and 1 but is never "." for NA. All of the m65 variables should have been coded NA for non-institutional births, corresponding with a skip in the questionnaire. The questions about reasons for not delivering in a facility should only be asked for births that were not in a facility.

I think you have answered your own question. If table 8.14 were calculated correctly, it would not include births for which m15=98. If it does include the births with m15=98, then there is either an error or an inconsistency.