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Subject: Re: NFHS 5 Children Recode

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Here's an additional response from Senior DHS Staff member, Tom Pullum:

There are many parts of the questionnaire in which decisions about cutoffs and eligibility must be applied during data processing, that is, during the construction of the indicator. You have to discard those extra cases by coding the indicator as "NA" (a dot in Stata) for them. I would expect that the cases you have identified are very close to the boundary for 2 years of age.

Sometimes the questionnaire is intentionally designed to bring in more cases than necessary, in order to avoid leaving it to the fieldworkers to make crucial decisions about eligibility. DHS tries to balance that concern against minimizing the amount of data that will have to be discarded.

Yes, I see that for v413 (for example), most (about 70%) of the responses are for age<2 years but about 30% are for age 2 to 4. There is probably a reason why there are so many responses for children aged 2-4 but I cannot take the time to go down that rabbit hole. I hope another user can help with your question.