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Subject: Zero Food Children

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In NFHS 5, within the Women Questionnaire Module, section 499M pertains to querying respondents about the liquids or foods consumed by their child, as indicated in section 499L, during the preceding day or night. This inquiry extends to instances where the mentioned item was consumed alongside other foods.

This section is specifically administered if the child is under 2 years old and if the mother has at least one child born in 2017 or later who resides with her.

However, I've observed data related to questions 499M-A to 499M-A for children older than 2 years in the children recode data file. This raises the question of why this data is present, given the stipulated age criterion.

Please explain-

I've observed a noteworthy volume of records extending from 24 months up to 59 months of age for a specific variable in my sample (- v409- indicating whether a child was given plain water). Below, you'll find the tabulated results generated from Stata. Within the age bracket of 24 to 59 months, there are 35,672 records available, which signifies a substantial quantity. This prompts the question: given that the survey was conducted using an online CATI method where skip logic should have been applied for subsequent questions, how did so many entries manage to be recorded?

Result of state output

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. tab hw1 v409
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child's |  
age in | gave child plain water  
months | no yes don't kno | Total
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0 | 2,897 471 1 | 3,369  
1 | 3,235 635 1 | 3,871  
2 | 3,147 774 6 | 3,927  
3 | 2,938 969 0 | 3,907  
4 | 2,774 1,278 0 | 4,052  
5 | 2,040 1,617 1 | 3,658  
6 | 1,563 2,275 1 | 3,839  
7 | 1,043 2,506 1 | 3,550  
8 | 771 2,668 0 | 3,439  
9 | 709 2,907 0 | 3,616  
10 | 624 2,872 1 | 3,497  
11 | 521 3,078 1 | 3,600  
12 | 556 3,434 1 | 3,991  
13 | 504 3,387 2 | 3,893
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|    |  |     |       |   |  |       |
|----|--|-----|-------|---|--|-------|
| 14 |  | 448 | 3,250 | 1 |  | 3,699 |
| 15 |  | 410 | 3,112 | 0 |  | 3,522 |
| 16 |  | 511 | 3,268 | 0 |  | 3,779 |
| 17 |  | 447 | 3,106 | 1 |  | 3,554 |
| 18 |  | 480 | 3,183 | 0 |  | 3,663 |
| 19 |  | 419 | 3,002 | 1 |  | 3,422 |
| 20 |  | 451 | 2,961 | 1 |  | 3,413 |
| 21 |  | 465 | 2,859 | 0 |  | 3,324 |
| 22 |  | 484 | 2,996 | 1 |  | 3,481 |
| 23 |  | 539 | 2,889 | 0 |  | 3,428 |
| 24 |  | 280 | 355   | 0 |  | 635   |
| 25 |  | 299 | 288   | 0 |  | 587   |
| 26 |  | 317 | 348   | 1 |  | 666   |
| 27 |  | 329 | 392   | 0 |  | 721   |
| 28 |  | 391 | 387   | 0 |  | 778   |
| 29 |  | 342 | 503   | 0 |  | 845   |
| 30 |  | 357 | 548   | 0 |  | 905   |
| 31 |  | 269 | 534   | 0 |  | 803   |
| 32 |  | 302 | 534   | 0 |  | 836   |
| 33 |  | 314 | 605   | 0 |  | 919   |
| 34 |  | 319 | 623   | 0 |  | 942   |
| 35 |  | 347 | 633   | 0 |  | 980   |
| 36 |  | 334 | 800   | 0 |  | 1,134 |
| 37 |  | 342 | 779   | 0 |  | 1,121 |
| 38 |  | 307 | 824   | 0 |  | 1,131 |
| 39 |  | 304 | 812   | 0 |  | 1,116 |
| 40 |  | 302 | 857   | 0 |  | 1,159 |
| 41 |  | 330 | 909   | 4 |  | 1,243 |
| 42 |  | 350 | 921   | 0 |  | 1,271 |
| 43 |  | 316 | 866   | 0 |  | 1,182 |
| 44 |  | 287 | 760   | 0 |  | 1,047 |
| 45 |  | 266 | 816   | 0 |  | 1,082 |
| 46 |  | 273 | 799   | 0 |  | 1,072 |
| 47 |  | 288 | 811   | 0 |  | 1,099 |
| 48 |  | 302 | 813   | 1 |  | 1,116 |
| 49 |  | 284 | 813   | 0 |  | 1,097 |
| 50 |  | 299 | 765   | 0 |  | 1,064 |
| 51 |  | 307 | 746   | 0 |  | 1,053 |
| 52 |  | 300 | 769   | 1 |  | 1,070 |
| 53 |  | 288 | 788   | 2 |  | 1,078 |
| 54 |  | 285 | 795   | 0 |  | 1,080 |
| 55 |  | 295 | 785   | 0 |  | 1,080 |
| 56 |  | 275 | 692   | 0 |  | 967   |
| 57 |  | 273 | 710   | 0 |  | 983   |
| 58 |  | 256 | 677   | 0 |  | 933   |
| 59 |  | 239 | 638   | 0 |  | 877   |

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Total | 38,944 84,192 30 | 123,166

. tabstat v409 if hw1>23, stat (count) by (hw1)

Summary for variables: v409

Group variable: hw1 (child's age in months)

| hw1   N   |
|-----------|
| 24   635  |
| 25   587  |
| 26   666  |
| 27   721  |
| 28   778  |
| 29   845  |
| 30   905  |
| 31   803  |
| 32   836  |
| 33   919  |
| 34   942  |
| 35   980  |
| 36   1134 |
| 37   1121 |
| 38   1131 |
| 39   1116 |
| 40   1159 |
| 41   1243 |
| 42   1271 |
| 43   1182 |
| 44   1047 |
| 45   1082 |
| 46   1072 |
| 47   1099 |
| 48   1116 |
| 49   1097 |
| 50   1064 |
| 51   1053 |
| 52   1070 |
| 53   1078 |
| 54   1080 |
| 55   1080 |
| 56   967  |
| 57   983  |
| 58   933  |
| 59   877  |

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Total | 35672  
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