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Subject: Birth selection

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Hello,

I am new to DHS and SPSS and I am seeking guidance for my analysis of Malawi's child mortality, focusing on infant and neonatal mortality, utilizing the MDHS 2015-2016 (BR dataset).

Currently, I am trying to isolate births five years before the survey period, from 2016-2012. However, I have encountered discrepancies between the sample I am obtaining and the figures presented in the final report table D.4. The filter I applied yields 13,584 births, whereas the report indicates 13,659 (both live and deceased)

Here is the filter condition I utilized in SPSS: Select if (B2 >= 2012 & B2 <= 2015).

Any insights or recommendations on how to refine my approach would be appreciated.

Thank you,

Eve

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