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Subject: Re: How to generate Month-Year birth Cohort  
Posted by [Janet-DHS](#) on Thu, 16 May 2024 13:43:43 GMT

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

Because you want birth cohorts of children, rather than mothers, it will be easier to use the BR file. It has one record for each birth in the birth histories, whether or not the child survived, so b1 and b2 are always coded and you don't need to use "capture confirm". Single-year (calendar year) birth cohorts are given by b2.

Note that in many surveys conducted before 2000, if you are going back that far, years may be given with just the last two digits--for example, "92" instead of "1992".

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