Dear User,
Here is a response from one of our experts, Trevor Croft, in communicating with another user:
If you are finding M5_1, M5_2, ... M5_6, those are the variables for 6 different children of the woman, and you must be using the IR dataset. M5_1 is for the last birth, M5_2 is for the child before that, M5_3 is for the child before that, etc.
A problem is that the data on feeding is the for the last child born in the last two years LIVING WITH THE MOTHER. So it is not sufficient to just select women who have children under 6 you need to work out if the child was living with the mother. To do this is easier to work with the KR file, not the IR file. In the KR file, there is only one M5 variable. The code below was written to work with the KR file.
If you want subset that dataset down to the cases you want, you can select on
V008 - B3 < 24 & LastChild==1
For the codes, they should all be documented in the dataset. If the labels are not coming through in the dataset, look at the .SAS file and you can find the labels in there. Search for variable M5 and you will see the format that is used with it. Then search the file for the format and you will find the labels:
  93 = "Ever breastfed, not currently breastfeeding"
  94 = "Never breastfed"
  97 = "Inconsistent"
  98 = "Don't know"
And 99 is Missing.

Also of use is the DHS Recode manual, although the codes are not listed in there:
http://dhsprogram.com/publications/publication-dhsg4-dhs-que stionnaires-and-manuals.cfm
If you have additional questions, please post again.