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Subject: Re: How many children per family  
Posted by [Janet-DHS](#) on Wed, 07 Aug 2024 14:27:48 GMT  
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Following is a response from DHS staff member, Tom Pullum:

You are apparently looking for an instrumental variable. We cannot help you develop your econometric model.

In the HR and PR files, "the mother" refers to the mother of a specific child under 5, usually a woman in the IR file. It is definitely not the mother of that woman.

Note that v106 is a categorical (ordinal) variable, like many of the covariates in DHS files. It may be better to think in terms of association rather than correlation.

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