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Subject: Re: Discrete Time Vs Continuous Time Survival Model  
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Following is a response from Senior DHS staff member, Tom Pullum:

For neonatal mortality, the age of the child at death is given in days with b6. These are the deaths for which b7=0 (0 completed months).

b6 is a little harder to use than b7 because it is a compound variable containing the unit of time (completed days, months, or years of age at death) with codes 1, 2, or 3 as the first of 3 digits, followed by the number (of days, etc) in columns 2 and 3.

Thus, for the neonatal deaths, b7=0; the first digit of b6 is 1; and the number of days is given by digits 2 and 3. For these death, b6-100 is the number of completed days of age at death. See the Guide to DHS Statistics for more description.