
Subject: Re: Pregnancy duration from vcal_1
Posted by [Janet-DHS](#) on Thu, 31 Oct 2024 21:21:22 GMT
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Following is a response from DHS staff member, Tom Pullum:

Table 6.15 in the NFHS-5 final report is supposed to cover what you want. In August 2022 I wrote a Stata program to construct that table, but was unsuccessful. I just updated that program for the current version of the data file (Attached). In 2022 I checked with other DHS staff, including Trevor Croft, and we are simply unable to match Table 6.15.

The program shows how to read the calendar variable, vcal_1, and combine it with s234. It refers to outcomes with the letters B and T, and also M (miscarriages), A (abortions), and S (stillbirths). What you want to do makes sense, and I think the program will help you do it, but if you proceed you will find inconsistencies that may reflect poorly on the quality of the calendar data in this survey.

In general, a stillbirth in the calendar is a T preceded by 6 or more months with a P.

File Attachments

1) [IA7E_calendar_do_31Oct2024.txt](#), downloaded 15 times
