
Subject: Re: Breastfeeding status

Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Tue, 14 Jan 2025 19:22:39 GMT

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

In the final report on the NFHS-5, the first column of table 10.5 gives the percent ever breastfed, among children born in the two years before the survey. All DHS final reports include a table like this. The general approach is as follows, illustrated with the Nigeria 2013 DHS:

```
use "...NGKR6AFL.DTA" , clear
gen months_ago=v008-b3
gen everbf=1 if m4<.
replace everbf=0 if m4==94 | m4==99
tab v190 everbf if months_ago<24 & m4<. & bidx==1 [iweight=v005/1000000], row
```

These results can be compared with table 11.2 of the final report on the Nigeria 2013 survey. There is an exact match. In newer surveys that include b19, b19 would be used in place of "months_ago". Not all surveys include a code m4=99, but for those that do, it is grouped with m4=94.

This will match table 10.5 exactly, because this is one of the many tables in the NFHS-5 report that we are unable to replicate. However, these lines describe how the indicator is constructed.
