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Subject: Re: Indonesia neonatal mortality 2002/2007  
Posted by [Trevor-DHS](#) on Sat, 21 Feb 2015 19:29:15 GMT  
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There are several things to note here:

- 1) DHS does not calculate neonatal mortality rate in this way, but uses the approach described in the Guide to DHS Statistics, pages 90-94.
- 2) DHS actually uses the period 1-60 months preceding the survey as month 0 (the month of interview) is on average only half a month (assuming the interview is on average in the middle of the month).
- 3) Your code will be a close approximation to the calculation of neonatal deaths that DHS uses.

I'm not sure where you found the value of 290, but when I tabulate the data I also get 296 for the numerator of the neonatal mortality rate, so I would go with that figure.

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