Subject: Re: High ASFR using DHS method compared to DHS reports
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I think the problem is in step 2 where you say that you refreshed the data, and then dropped the duplicate women. It sounds like you are doing this with the Births Recode (BR) file, but this is a problem as this file only includes women who have had a birth. Women who have never had a birth are not included anywhere in the file. You can see the problem in the first row of your spreadsheet where raw_numyears for the first age group is much too small because all of the women who are age 15-19 and have no children have not been included. You have to use the Individual Recode (IR) file for step 2, and then you can ignore the issue of duplicates as that file has one record per woman.

Also, remember that if you are analyzing an ever married woman sample, you will also have to use the all women inflation factors for the number of years of exposure.

If you want to post your code once you have made the change above, I will take a look and be able to give you better feedback.