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Subject: Re: Fertility :History of Still Birth"  
Posted by [Liz-DHS](#) on Wed, 02 Dec 2015 20:49:52 GMT  
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Dear User,

I am assuming you are speaking about the Nigeria DHS 2013 survey. The following information comes from the Standard Recode Manual <http://www.dhsprogram.com/publications/publication-DHSG4-DHS-Questionnaires-and-Manuals.cfm>

In the recode manual:

Quote:

B5 variable represents whether child was alive or dead at the time of interview.

B6 Age at death of the child as reported in the questionnaire. The first digit of the age at death gives the units in which it was reported: 1 - Days, 2 - Months, 3 - Years, 9 - Special responses. The last two digits give the age at death in those units. Age at death is usually reported in days if it was less than one month, in months if it was less than two years and otherwise in years. If the last two digits contain a value greater than 90 then this is a special response. For example, 298 means the age at death was a number of months, and the exact number was unknown, but lies between 1 and 23 months.

BASE: Dead children (B5 = 0).

B7 Age at death of the child in completed months gives a calculated age at death from the reported information. If it was reported in days these are truncated to completed months, if reported in months these are used directly, but if reported in years then truncated years are used, i.e., 3 years becomes 36 months. For ages at death that were not specified, an age at death is imputed using a hot deck approach by taking the same age at death as the last child encountered of the same birth order in the data file. This variable is no longer truncated at 90 months and now occupies three digits.

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Q230 in the individual questionnaire for the woman: "Have you ever had a pregnancy that miscarried, was aborted, or ended in a stillbirth?" references miscarriage, abortion or stillbirth. It is not specific. It is basically referring to Terminations of any kind for the calendar. Therefore, you will not find specific information about stillbirths in the data set. You may also want to reference The Guide to DHS Statistics <http://www.dhsprogram.com/publications/publication-dhsg1-dhs-questionnaires-and-manuals.cfm> for additional guidance in using the data. Hope this helps. If you have additional questions, please feel free to post again.