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Subject: Re: compute key figures  
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Dear User,

The Standard Recode manual can be found on our website: <http://dhsprogram.com/publications/publication-DHSG4-DHS-Questionnaires-and-Manuals.cfm>  
You may also find The Guide to DHS Statistics useful as well: <http://www.dhsprogram.com/publications/publication-dhsg1-dhs-questionnaires-and-manuals.cfm>

Standard Recode Manual:

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Section W21 (REC21) Reproduction

The birth history contains up to 20 entries for births, and is ordered in reverse order such that the last birth is given first in the birth history and the first birth is given last. For respondents with more than 20 births, the birth history contains the last 19 births plus the first birth. However, all variables relating to intervals between births are calculated based on the actual births, and not just the births given in the birth history. The variable V224 contains the count of entries in the birth history, and is thus the index to the last entry in the birth history which contains the information relating to the first birth.

BIDX Birth history index numbers the entries in the birth history from 1 to n, where the nth birth is the first birth.

BORD Birth order number gives the order in which the children were born and so is the reverse order from BIDX.

MIDX Index to the birth history. All births in the last three/five years have entries in this section, and thus the index increases by one each entry. See the example maternity history below. For twins the information in their entries will be identical for all variables relating to prenatal care.

After reviewing the materials, if you still have questions, please feel free to post again. Thank you!

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