
Subject: Re: Infant and child mortality

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They calculate it - it isn't a proxy, it is an estimate.

There are instructions here on pages 90-94 (as Trevor mentioned in another thread):

http://www.dhsprogram.com/pubs/pdf/DHSG1/Guide_to_DHS_Statistics_29Oct2012_DHSG1.pdf#page=97

There is also information here: <http://dhsprogram.com/pubs/pdf/fr175/08chapter08.pdf>

There is also another method that I outlined here:

[http://userforum.dhsprogram.com/index.php?t=msg&th=142∓start=0&S=8019308c0b1fe335aae675a1ce57d3bb](http://userforum.dhsprogram.com/index.php?t=msg&th=142&start=0&S=8019308c0b1fe335aae675a1ce57d3bb)

So there isn't a "variable" that is U5 mortality, it is something you have to estimate from the birth history data - essentially, you can see how many children were born, and how many survived to age 5. It is a bit complicated to do it exactly as the DHS does, but you should be able to follow the instructions on the Guide to Statistics I linked above, or the version that I describe in the other thread. If you have specific questions after that, I can try to help, but in general you should start with those resources.
