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Subject: Re: Constructing # of Sibling and HHmember rank Variables

Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Tue, 14 Jun 2016 15:18:35 GMT

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Following is a response from Senior DHS Stata Specialist, Tom Pullum:

The procedure I described is not limited to children under 5. It uses the BR file, not the KR file. The KR file is limited to children under 5 but the BR file includes all children in the birth histories.

I don't understand why you shifted to the PR file and hv101. Was there some reason for doing that?

The PR file only gives age in completed years for children over age 5. In the BR file you have the month and year of birth for all children, and after more probing than in the PR file. Age is more detailed and more accurate in the BR file than in the PR file.

Note that the line numbers of the mother and father, respectively, if they are in the same household as the child, are given as hv112 and hv114, respectively. This is provided for most surveys since 2000 for children age 0-17.

Please say again what it is you are looking for. I believe that you want the number of older siblings and the number of younger siblings for children in the PR file. Should these be living siblings only? In the same household? For what age range?

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