Subject: Variable code for "the number of months pregnant for the first pregnancy" in IDIR71DT

Posted by gprajitno on Fri, 11 Feb 2022 00:22:04 GMT

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Hi,

I am looking for the variable code for the number of months pregnant for the first pregnancy" in IDIR71DT data file.

Could anyone help me with this?

Thank you.

Kind regards, Greselva

Subject: Re: Variable code for "the number of months pregnant for the first pregnancy" in IDIR71DT

Posted by Bridgette-DHS on Fri, 11 Feb 2022 13:09:14 GMT

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Following is a response from DHS Research & Data Analysis Director, Tom Pullum:

If the first pregnancy was in the past five years, then the number of months of pregnancy is given by the number of months with a "P" before the birth "B" or the termination "T". The length of the pregnancy includes the month of delivery. That is, a full-term pregnancy would have 8 months with P followed by a month with B (a total of 9 months). A stillbirth would have 6 or more months with P followed by a month with B.

I would not have a lot of confidence in the reported durations. If the first pregnancy was more than five years ago, or overlaps the beginning of the calendar, then I don't believe there is any information about the duration of the pregnancy. Perhaps other forum users have suggestions.