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Subject: Want to count neonatal mortality individuals  
Posted by [soyebur](#) on Sat, 16 Apr 2022 11:54:30 GMT  
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I want to know the number of neonatal mortality in BDHS 2007 should i use KR file keep in mind that I want to know the number not rate

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Subject: Re: Want to count neonatal mortality individuals  
Posted by [Janet-DHS](#) on Thu, 21 Apr 2022 21:04:36 GMT  
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Following is a response from DHS Research & Data Analysis Director, Tom Pullum:

Neonatal deaths are deaths on completed days of age 0-27 (the first 28 days). You can identify them as children in the KR or BR files with  $b6 \leq 127$ . Alternatively, people sometimes use  $b7=0$ , where  $b7$  is a recode constructed from  $b6$  as "0 completed months".

$b7=0$  includes days 28, 29, and 30, which should technically not be counted as neonatal. Even though much of the earlier analysis of neonatal mortality was based on  $b7=0$  rather than  $b6 \leq 127$ , I recommend that you use  $b6$ .

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Subject: Re: Want to count neonatal mortality individuals  
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Thanks a lot it is very very useful for me.

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