Subject: Stillbirth calculation- Zambia Using SPSS
Posted by Shadrick Kayeye on Sun, 30 Apr 2023 19:44:19 GMT

Dear DHS Experts,

Kindly help me with the syntax commands I can use to create a stillbirth variable in SPSS for Zambia 2018 DHS data. I was helped with the Stata command not long ago but then I only have access to a laptop that has SPSS now. Your prompt feedback will be greatly appreciated.

Kayeye

Subject: Re: Stillbirth calculation- Zambia Using SPSS
Posted by Janet-DHS on Fri, 05 May 2023 18:28:16 GMT

Following is a response from DHS staff member, Tom Pullum:

Unfortunately I don't use SPSS. We have SPSS code for the indicators in the reports on our GitHub site (https://github.com/DHSProgram/DHS-Indicators-SPSS). The Stata versions were translated to SPSS by a contractor. There aren't any active SPSS users at DHS.

When I post Stata programs on the forum, including the one you are referring to, I give them as text files, rather than Stata do-files, and with internal comments, partly because then users without Stata can read them and hopefully translate them to SPSS or R if they can follow the logic. Most Stata commands (but definitely not all!) are fairly intuitive.

The different packages have their advantages and disadvantages. Sorry I can't help. Maybe another user can.