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Subject: Treating datasets with an LBW infant

Posted by [djtippyturnitup](#) on Wed, 06 Sep 2023 07:41:26 GMT

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How is the dataset being treated if the mother has a total of three children and only one of them is an LBW infant?

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Subject: Re: Treating datasets with an LBW infant

Posted by [Janet-DHS](#) on Wed, 06 Sep 2023 14:36:47 GMT

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Thank you for submitting your question. Could you please provide some more detailed information so we can better advise you?

Can you let us know:

- Which survey you are using (Include country name and year)?
- Which data files you are referring to?
- Which software you are using (Stata, SPSS, R, etc.)?

If you are trying to match a Table in a final report, please also indicate which table and which estimate you are trying to match.

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Subject: Re: Treating datasets with an LBW infant

Posted by [djtippyturnitup](#) on Wed, 13 Sep 2023 00:27:48 GMT

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Philippines 2022

IR, PR, GR

Stata

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Subject: Re: Treating datasets with an LBW infant

Posted by [Janet-DHS](#) on Fri, 15 Sep 2023 21:35:56 GMT

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

In the Philippines 2022 survey, birthweight (m19) is a characteristic of the child, included for all children born in the past 5 years, whether or not they are still alive. You would normally analyze it with the KR file, for which children are units. I looked at the final report and, as I would expect, all tables describing birthweight have children as the units of analysis.

If you want to construct a woman-level (or household-level) variable based on whether there was a low birthweight (LBW) child in the past 5 years, you can use your own judgment for how to do

that. For example, you could construct a variable that would be 0 if a woman's most recent birth (in the past 5 years) was NOT LBW, 1 if it was, and NA (a dot in Stata) if she had no births in the past 5 years. That's just a suggestion.

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