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Subject: Gabon Abortion s231a  
Posted by [behayes4](#) on Thu, 28 Mar 2024 23:26:32 GMT  
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In Gabon 2019 - 2021 is s231a for the last 5 years or lifetime? Also, was there a filter question before this item? The sample size drops for this item. Thank you !

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Subject: Re: Gabon Abortion s231a  
Posted by [Janet-DHS](#) on Tue, 02 Apr 2024 17:19:41 GMT  
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Following is a response from DHS staff member, Tom Pullum:

The survey-specific variable s231a in this Gabon survey refers to the lifetime number of miscarriages, abortions, or stillbirths. It is preceded by v228, which is 1 if the woman ever had a terminated pregnancy (that is, a pregnancy that did not end in a live birth). If you open the IR file and enter "tab s231a v228,m" you will see that v228 is the filter for s231a.

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Subject: Re: Gabon Abortion s231a  
Posted by [Janet-DHS](#) on Wed, 10 Apr 2024 16:15:44 GMT  
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Following is a response from DHS staff member, Tom Pullum:

I suggest that you open the IR file and paste the following lines into Stata:

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tab s231 v228,m  
tab1 s231 s232*
```

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foreach ll in a b c {  
  replace s232`ll'=. if s232`ll'==99  
}
```

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regress s231 s232* if s231>0, nocons
```

These lines will show you that all of these variables are lifetime and that s231 is simply the sum of s232a,b,c.

I don't know the history of this survey, but it appears that the calendar data were discarded. If you enter "lookfor calendar" you will find that the vcal\_\* variables that would normally appear in the IR file are empty. Unfortunately, the terminations reported with s232a,b,c do not have dates. I see

no way to calculate how many occurred in an interval of time, such as the past 5 years.