
Subject: Zero Food Children

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In NFHS 5, within the Women Questionnaire Module, section 499M pertains to querying respondents about the liquids or foods consumed by their child, as indicated in section 499L, during the preceding day or night. This inquiry extends to instances where the mentioned item was consumed alongside other foods.

This section is specifically administered if the child is under 2 years old and if the mother has at least one child born in 2017 or later who resides with her.

However, I've observed data related to questions 499M-A to 499M-A for children older than 2 years in the children recode data file. This raises the question of why this data is present, given the stipulated age criterion.

Please explain-

I've observed a noteworthy volume of records extending from 24 months up to 59 months of age for a specific variable in my sample (- v409- indicating whether a child was given plain water). Below, you'll find the tabulated results generated from Stata. Within the age bracket of 24 to 59 months, there are 35,672 records available, which signifies a substantial quantity. This prompts the question: given that the survey was conducted using an online CATI method where skip logic should have been applied for subsequent questions, how did so many entries manage to be recorded?

Result of state output

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. tab hw1 v409
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child's |  
age in | gave child plain water  
months | no yes don't kno | Total
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0 | 2,897 471 1 | 3,369  
1 | 3,235 635 1 | 3,871  
2 | 3,147 774 6 | 3,927  
3 | 2,938 969 0 | 3,907  
4 | 2,774 1,278 0 | 4,052  
5 | 2,040 1,617 1 | 3,658  
6 | 1,563 2,275 1 | 3,839  
7 | 1,043 2,506 1 | 3,550  
8 | 771 2,668 0 | 3,439  
9 | 709 2,907 0 | 3,616  
10 | 624 2,872 1 | 3,497  
11 | 521 3,078 1 | 3,600  
12 | 556 3,434 1 | 3,991  
13 | 504 3,387 2 | 3,893
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14		448	3,250	1		3,699
15		410	3,112	0		3,522
16		511	3,268	0		3,779
17		447	3,106	1		3,554
18		480	3,183	0		3,663
19		419	3,002	1		3,422
20		451	2,961	1		3,413
21		465	2,859	0		3,324
22		484	2,996	1		3,481
23		539	2,889	0		3,428
24		280	355	0		635
25		299	288	0		587
26		317	348	1		666
27		329	392	0		721
28		391	387	0		778
29		342	503	0		845
30		357	548	0		905
31		269	534	0		803
32		302	534	0		836
33		314	605	0		919
34		319	623	0		942
35		347	633	0		980
36		334	800	0		1,134
37		342	779	0		1,121
38		307	824	0		1,131
39		304	812	0		1,116
40		302	857	0		1,159
41		330	909	4		1,243
42		350	921	0		1,271
43		316	866	0		1,182
44		287	760	0		1,047
45		266	816	0		1,082
46		273	799	0		1,072
47		288	811	0		1,099
48		302	813	1		1,116
49		284	813	0		1,097
50		299	765	0		1,064
51		307	746	0		1,053
52		300	769	1		1,070
53		288	788	2		1,078
54		285	795	0		1,080
55		295	785	0		1,080
56		275	692	0		967
57		273	710	0		983
58		256	677	0		933
59		239	638	0		877

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Total | 38,944 84,192 30 | 123,166

. tabstat v409 if hw1>23, stat (count) by (hw1)

Summary for variables: v409

Group variable: hw1 (child's age in months)

hw1 N
24 635
25 587
26 666
27 721
28 778
29 845
30 905
31 803
32 836
33 919
34 942
35 980
36 1134
37 1121
38 1131
39 1116
40 1159
41 1243
42 1271
43 1182
44 1047
45 1082
46 1072
47 1099
48 1116
49 1097
50 1064
51 1053
52 1070
53 1078
54 1080
55 1080
56 967
57 983
58 933
59 877

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Total | 35672

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

Yes, I see that for age 0-23 months an average of about 3,646 children per month of age have responses. For age 24-59 months, it's about 991 children per month of age, with no tapering off by age above 23 months. Apparently, some additional nutrition research was planned for older children, but in the final report I only see tables in chapter 10 for the children who were age 0-23 or 6-23 months. To match the tables in chapter 10 it would be necessary to exclude the children older than 23 months.
