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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.

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