
Subject: 2018 Turkey DHS - Adverse pregnancy outcomes

Posted by [Rose_98](#) on Wed, 29 May 2024 07:55:38 GMT

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Hi,

as part of my Master's thesis, I am analyzing negative birth outcomes and birth complications among Syrian refugees/migrants in Turkey and the general Turkish population using STATA. For this purpose, I am using the 2018 Turkey DHS (TDHS) dataset as well as the separate Syrian migrant sample (TDHS-SM) dataset.

I examined the variable v228 - "ever had a terminated pregnancy" in the TDHS-SM in both the all births file (BR) and the women's file (IR) and noticed a discrepancy in the total number of observations for v228 between the two files. How does this discrepancy arise? I understand that the BR-file includes more observations, not just women. However, what specifically causes the different numbers for v228 in the BR and IR files?

Best,
Rose_98

Subject: Re: 2018 Turkey DHS - Adverse pregnancy outcomes

Posted by [Janet-DHS](#) on Tue, 11 Jun 2024 19:54:18 GMT

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

The BR file has one record for each child in the birth histories. Most of the mother's data from the IR file is attached to the child's record. v228 is such a variable. It will be repeated for each child. It will not appear at all for women who had no children.

If you compare the distributions of any "v" variable in the IR file and the BR file, even something like type of place of residence (v025) you will see that they are different.
