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Subject: Child age at death

Posted by [amira.elshal.1@city.ac.uk](mailto:amira.elshal.1@city.ac.uk) on Fri, 04 Jul 2014 11:55:48 GMT

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Dear Sirs,

If a child died at age 0 days, does this mean that he was born alive then died in the same day? i.e. is he a live birth? Or is there a possibility that s/he was born dead?

Thank you.

Amira

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Subject: Re: Child age at death

Posted by [Liz-DHS](mailto:Liz-DHS) on Fri, 04 Jul 2014 19:52:39 GMT

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Dear User,

That is a correct assumption. A live birth who later died in the same day.

Thank you for your post.

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Subject: Re: Child age at death

Posted by [amira.elshal.1@city.ac.uk](mailto:amira.elshal.1@city.ac.uk) on Mon, 07 Jul 2014 08:58:17 GMT

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Thanks Liz for your kind reply.

Is there a possibility that this child was born dead? i.e. did not show any symptoms of life after being delivered?

I am asking here about the variable b6 (Age at death of the child as reported in the questionnaire) when its value is 0 days.

Thanks again.

Amira

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Subject: Re: Child age at death

Posted by [amira.elshal.1@city.ac.uk](mailto:amira.elshal.1@city.ac.uk) on Mon, 07 Jul 2014 09:01:20 GMT

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Thanks Liz for your kind reply.

Is there a possibility that this child was born dead? i.e. did not show any symptoms of life after being delivered?

I am asking here about the variable b6 (Age at death of the child as reported in the questionnaire) when its value is 0 days.

Thanks again.

Amira

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Subject: Re: Child age at death

Posted by [Liz-DHS](#) on Fri, 11 Jul 2014 13:40:08 GMT

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Dear Amira,

I just verified with one of our data processing experts. In our standard birth histories for the the DHS Program, a child must have breathed a breath or shown signs of life and later died. Most of our surveys implement a birth history, some (mainly in Asia) have implemented a full pregnancy history. However, that is not the standard. In any case, the variable for a child dying before it was born would be different than the B6 variable and in some cases country-specific. I am attaching a list of the surveys which implemented a full pregnancy history. If you have additional questions, please feel free to post again.

Thank you!

#### File Attachments

1) [Full\\_Pregnancy\\_Histories\\_12July2014.xlsx](#), downloaded 541 times

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Subject: Re: Child age at death

Posted by [amira.elshal.1@city.ac.uk](#) on Fri, 01 Aug 2014 03:06:31 GMT

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Dear Liz,

Thank you for your reply.

Does the variable v208 (births in last 5 yrs) in the individual recode file include LIVE births only?

Sincerely,  
Amira

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Subject: Re: Child age at death

Posted by [Liz-DHS](#) on Fri, 01 Aug 2014 17:42:32 GMT

Dear Amira,

The recode referring to this variable is as follows:

V208 = count( REC21 where B3 >= V008 - 59 ); { Births in last five years }

Yes. It is referring to LIVE births only, but a baby could have died after birth.

In the recode manual B3 is century month code for the date of birth of the child

V208 is Total number of births in the last five years is defined as all births in the months 0 to 59 prior

to the month of interview, where month 0 is the month of interview.

Hope this helps!

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