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Subject: Indonesia 2012 DHS - birthweight variable

Posted by [zadet](#) on Fri, 25 Jul 2014 04:12:51 GMT

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Hi All,

I'm currently working with the Indonesia 2012 DHS dataset, and have noticed that for the variable M19a (whether or not the baby was weighed at birth) there is a category called "Special Answers". This category does not appear in the DHS recode manual, and I haven't come across it in any other DHS.

Given that the other categories (Not weighed, Weighed - weight from written card, Weighed - Weight from mother's recall, and Don't know) seem to cover every response to "was (NAME) weighed at birth?" I'm not sure what type of answers these could be. Does anyone know what this category is representing?

Thank you.

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Subject: Re: Indonesia 2012 DHS - birthweight variable

Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Tue, 29 Jul 2014 16:24:06 GMT

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Following is a response from Senior Data Processing Specialist, Nouredine Abderrahim:

These cases are the missing answers from question 432 of the woman's questionnaire.

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Subject: Re: Indonesia 2012 DHS - birthweight variable

Posted by [zadet](#) on Wed, 30 Jul 2014 00:14:26 GMT

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So these are the cases that answered "yes" to Q431 but for whom Q432 is missing - that makes a little more sense! Thank you!

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Subject: Re: Indonesia 2012 DHS - birthweight variable

Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Fri, 01 Aug 2014 13:18:42 GMT

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Missing Q431 or Q432.

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