Subject: Birth order
Posted by Varsha on Thu, 16 Jan 2025 22:54:20 GMT
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Hello,

Do we have to exclude the children who have died while calculating birth order?

I found the below codes on the forum, but these do not seem to exclude such children.

```
* birth order
* To match birth order in the tables, bord must be modified to include multiple births
gen border=.
forvalues ll=1/5 {
replace border=`ll' if (bord==`ll' & b0==0) | (bord==`ll'+1 & b0==2) | (bord==`ll'+2 & b0==3)
}
gen     birth_order=1 if border==1
replace birth_order=2 if border>1
replace birth_order=3 if border>3
replace birth_order=4 if border>5
label variable birth_order "birth order"
label define birth_order 1 "1" 2 "2-3" 3 "4-5" 4 "6+"
label values birth_order birth_order
tab birth_order [iweight=wt]
drop border
```

In case we have to exclude them, how should we go about constructing the variable?

Thanks

Subject: Re: Birth order
Posted by Bridgette-DHS on Fri, 17 Jan 2025 13:27:54 GMT
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Following is a response from Senior DHS staff member, Tom Pullum:

Children who died before the survey are definitely NOT removed from birth order.

Subject: Re: Birth order
Posted by Varsha on Fri, 17 Jan 2025 19:31:42 GMT
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Thank you, Tom.