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Subject: Child health indicators by birth order  
Posted by [davidoh91](#) on Mon, 01 Sep 2014 07:42:18 GMT  
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I have a question about child health indicators by birth order using Stata.

So for variables like BORD (birth order number), it's clear that the 1st one (bord\_01) contains the information for all children. If you tab bord\_02, then the first child group is removed and the birth order is categorized from the second birth.

Now, for variables like h7 (DTP3 coverage), does the same rule apply? So if I tab h7\_1 does it include all children 12-59 months old, and h7\_2 includes all of the second and later children? Or does h7\_1 ONLY include the most recent child, and h7\_2 ONLY includes the 2nd most recent child?

Thanks.

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Subject: Re: Child health indicators by birth order  
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You are misunderstanding the meaning of the variables. bord\_01 is for the last birth, not for all births. bord\_02 is for the next-to-last birth.

Similarly, h7\_1 is for the LAST birth in the last five years (0-59 months), not all children aged 12-59; h7\_2 is for the next-to-last birth in the last five years, etc.

Note that if the last birth died then h7\_1 will be blank. for example, if there are two children born in the last five years, and the last one died then h7\_1 will be blank, and h7\_2 will contain the information for the last living child born in the last five years.

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