
Subject: Assistance on estimating infant feeding practices using DHS data
Posted by [Lungile Motsa](#) on Sat, 27 Apr 2013 16:02:08 GMT

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My name is Lungile Motsa, a student at the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, South Africa. I am writing this email to seek assistance on clarity and advice on how I can derive the categories of infant feeding practices using DHS dataset.

I am currently doing a research on "The Influence of Infant Feeding Practices on Infant Mortality in Southern Africa" and intending to use DHS datasets. However, I am currently not clear about how to obtain my infant feeding practices categories from the DHS. The categories of infant feeding practices I plan to have are ;

1. Exclusive breastfeeding
2. Partial breastfeeding
3. No breastfeeding

I will be also using STATA 12 for data analysis.

I will be very grateful to get advice in this regard.

Subject: Re: Assistance on estimating infant feeding practices using DHS data
Posted by [Liz-DHS](#) on Mon, 06 May 2013 14:51:44 GMT

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Dear User,

You may want to take a look at the following resources:

The Guide to DHS Statistics <http://www.measuredhs.com/publications/publication-dhsg1-dhs-questionnaires-and-manuals.cfm> and the Standard Recode Manual

http://www.measuredhs.com/pubs/pdf/DHSG4/Recode6_DHS_22March 2013_DHSG4.pdf

Subject: Re: Assistance on estimating infant feeding practices using DHS data
Posted by [Lungile Motsa](#) on Wed, 08 May 2013 21:42:31 GMT

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Dear Liz

Thanks for the advice. I will go through the DHS Guide.

Kind regards
