
Subject: Birth Intervals

Posted by [estammer](#) on Wed, 05 Jun 2013 14:25:44 GMT

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Hi,

I am trying to break down the birth interval indicator for an indicator reference sheet and have a question about how it is calculated. I see in the "Guide to DHS statistics" that intervals between both surviving and deceased children are used, but I wanted to get an idea of how "deceased child" is defined. Does this include intrapartum deaths in addition to neonatal deaths? Thanks for your help with this!

Emily

Subject: Re: Birth Intervals

Posted by [Liz-DHS](#) on Tue, 25 Jun 2013 20:31:11 GMT

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Here is an answer from one of our experts, Dr. Shea Rutstein:

Dear Emily,

The standard DHS questionnaire includes a live birth history and therefore the interbirth intervals are between live births. One or both of the children may not be surviving at the time of the survey.

They are the dead children. A reproductive calendar is now present in most DHS surveys that gives births, pregnancies and contraceptive use in the five calendar years before the survey. As this calendar also notes pregnancies not ending in a live birth, an interpregnancy interval can be calculated from the termination of one pregnancy (in a live birth, miscarriage, stillbirth or induced abortion) to the conception of the next pregnancy. The interpregnancy interval can also be calculated for full pregnancy histories present in some DHS surveys.

Sincerely,
Shea Rutstein

Subject: Re: Birth Intervals

Posted by [estammer](#) on Wed, 26 Jun 2013 13:52:23 GMT

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Very helpful! Thanks so much!

-Emily

Subject: Re: Birth Intervals

Posted by [mnisha](#) on Thu, 01 Dec 2016 03:19:17 GMT

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Hi,

I am working on BDHS 2014 data and trying to calculate inter-pregnancy interval for stillbirths. Could you please help me to find the right way to calculate that variable?

Regards,
Nisha
