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Subject: Birth history and pregnancy history  
Posted by [DHS user](#) on Mon, 18 Feb 2013 22:24:28 GMT  
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I noticed that some surveys have a pregnancy history as opposed to a birth history. Can you please explain the difference between the two?

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Subject: Re: Birth history and pregnancy history  
Posted by [Liz-DHS](#) on Tue, 26 Feb 2013 16:55:17 GMT  
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Birth history: an accounting of all live births, that is, pregnancies that resulted in a birth that was born alive, even if it later died. Thus, all live births are included, while stillbirths, miscarriages, and abortions are excluded.  
Pregnancy history: an accounting of all pregnancies, which includes pregnancies which resulted in live births, stillbirths, miscarriages, and abortions.

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Subject: Re: Birth history and pregnancy history  
Posted by [pkram](#) on Fri, 07 Mar 2014 14:57:20 GMT  
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Liz,

Can you clarify how I can tally the number of pregnancies? Which dataset, and which variable names, should I be using?

Best wishes,  
Pavani

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Subject: Re: Birth history and pregnancy history  
Posted by [Liz-DHS](#) on Fri, 07 Mar 2014 16:10:12 GMT  
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Dear Pavani,  
Please refer to the following post. [http://userforum.dhsprogram.com/index.php?t=msg&goto=1526&S=e65c91b26bc87623e7df118c7f2c30b3#msg\\_1526](http://userforum.dhsprogram.com/index.php?t=msg&goto=1526&S=e65c91b26bc87623e7df118c7f2c30b3#msg_1526).  
If this has not answered your query, please feel free to post again.  
Thank you!

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