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Subject: Variable construction  
Posted by [bpanda](#) on Tue, 02 Feb 2016 12:52:35 GMT  
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Hi,

Sorry for reposting this message (this is the same message as [message #9045] in the Nepal section]

I am currently working with 2011 Nepal DHS data (Children's Recode) file. I want to create two variables:

1. Mother's age at delivery: I believe that I can create this variable by subtracting B8 (child's age in years) from V208 (mothers age in years). Is this information directly available in the dataset?
2. Parity: Is the information on parity available in the dataset? or should I use V208 (No of births in the last 5 years) for this purpose?

I would really appreciate your suggestions.

Many thanks  
Bibhu

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Posted by [Reduced-For\(u\)m](#) on Tue, 02 Feb 2016 19:44:30 GMT  
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Bibhu,

1 - that is a fine way to calculate maternal age at birth

2 - see the birth order variable BORD (see BORD and BIDX in the recode manual:  
[http://www.dhsprogram.com/pubs/pdf/DHSG4/Recode6\\_DHS\\_22March 2013\\_DHSG4.pdf](http://www.dhsprogram.com/pubs/pdf/DHSG4/Recode6_DHS_22March 2013_DHSG4.pdf) )

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Thanks, Reduced-For(u)m.

I could not understand the construction of the "parity" variable. I would really appreciate your clarification. I think since BIDX and BORD are reverse of each other, we can infer the number of

total births given by the mother in her lifetime using these two variables.

However, the same information can be obtained from V201 or V224.

I would really appreciate your help.

Thanks  
Bibhu

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Just to clarify - do you want "parity" as in knowing which particular kid was which particular birth (like, you are looking at children and want to be able to say "this one is the 2nd, this one the 3rd"... or do you want "parity" as in total number of births a woman has had.

If you want the kid-specific parity, you can only use the birth order variables. If you just want to know how many kids a woman has had, you should use V201.

Note, from the recode manual on variable V201:

"Total number of children ever born. If there are fewer than twenty births then this is the same as V224 (Number of entries in the birth history), but if there are more than twenty births then this gives the full number, while V224 will be 20."

[http://www.dhsprogram.com/pubs/pdf/DHSG4/Recode6\\_DHS\\_22March 2013\\_DHSG4.pdf](http://www.dhsprogram.com/pubs/pdf/DHSG4/Recode6_DHS_22March 2013_DHSG4.pdf)

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Thank you all!!

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