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Subject: Son Preference and Infertility

Posted by [waltine](#) on Tue, 08 Nov 2016 12:37:30 GMT

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Dear all,

I am trying to use the DHS to measure son preference and infertility but I am not quite sure which variables could be used. I have come across v627 which is ideal number of sons. I am not quite sure if this is an accurate proxy. Also, is there a way to measure infertility among women in the DHS.

Thank you.

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Subject: Re: Son Preference and Infertility

Posted by [Liz-DHS](#) on Thu, 17 Nov 2016 21:06:50 GMT

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A response from technical expert, Mr. Fred Arnold:

Quote:

There are various ways of measuring infertility from DHS data. For a full discussion of this topic, see DHS Comparative Report No. 9 (Infecundity, Infertility, and Childlessness in Developing Countries), available here [http://](http://dhsprogram.com/publications/publication-CR9-Comparative-Reports.cfm)

[dhsprogram.com/publications/publication-CR9-Comparative-Reports.cfm](http://dhsprogram.com/publications/publication-CR9-Comparative-Reports.cfm). There are also a number of different ways of calculating son preference from DHS data. One useful resource is DHS Comparative Studies #23 (Gender Preferences for Children), available here [http://](http://dhsprogram.com/publications/publication-CS23-Comparative-Reports.cfm)

[dhsprogram.com/publications/publication-CS23-Comparative-Reports.cfm](http://dhsprogram.com/publications/publication-CS23-Comparative-Reports.cfm). You can find other useful resources by searching for "son preference" on the DHS Program website.

<http://dhsprogram.com>

Thank you!

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Subject: Re: Son Preference and Infertility

Posted by [waltine](#) on Fri, 18 Nov 2016 06:03:26 GMT

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Thanks but I get the error message below when I try to click on any of the links:

HTTP Error 404.0 - Not Found

The resource you are looking for has been removed, had its name changed, or is temporarily unavailable.

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Subject: Re: Son Preference and Infertility  
Posted by [Liz-DHS](#) on Mon, 21 Nov 2016 02:46:14 GMT  
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Dear User,  
Please try again. I just tried it and did not have any problem. I'll check back to make sure you were successful.  
Thank you!

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Subject: Re: Son Preference and Infertility  
Posted by [waltine](#) on Mon, 21 Nov 2016 07:49:30 GMT  
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Thank you. I got them!

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Subject: Son Preference  
Posted by [v7tamrakar@gmail.com](#) on Wed, 09 May 2018 12:38:33 GMT  
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Dear Sir,  
I am intrested to calculate son preference in India.  
Here are my codes but i the frequency is not matched with the published report.

- \* son preference
- \*look for ideal
- \*ideal no of children
- \*ideal no of girls
- \*ideal no of boys
- \*ideal no children either or sex

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ta v629
drop if v618==96
drop if v628==96
drop if v629==96
gen nopref=.
replace nopref=1 if v629==0
replace nopref=2 if v629!=0
ta nopref
lab var nopref "no gender preference"
lab val nopref nopref
lab define nopref 1"pref" 2"no prefer"
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* br v218 v627 v628
gen id_boy=v628
lab var id_boy "ideal no. of boys"
gen id_girl=v629
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lab var id_girl
lab var id_girl "Ideal no. of girls"
gen gf=.
replace gf=1 if id_boy==id_girl
replace gf=2 if id_boy>id_girl
replace gf=3 if id_boy<id_girl
replace gf=4 if v629!=0
label var gf "gender preference"
label define gf 1"BP" 2"SP" 3"GP" 4"NP"
label value gf gf
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ta gf v013,col nofreq
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