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Subject: twin birth, weight and size of the last birth  
Posted by [phres110](#) on Sat, 19 Nov 2016 16:52:52 GMT  
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Hello

Thank you very much for your help. I am working on last birth in the last five years by cesarean section (M17\_1). I want to confirm the variables for the size, weight and twin status of the last delivery ...is that M18\_1 for size, M19\_1 for weight in kg and B0\_1 is the twin delivery status of the latest birth by c/s?

Kindly confirm.

Regards

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Subject: Re: twin birth, weight and size of the last birth  
Posted by [Liz-DHS](#) on Wed, 23 Nov 2016 16:06:05 GMT  
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Dear User,

According to the recode manual <http://www.dhsprogram.com/publications/publication-dhsg4-dhs-questi>

[onnaires-and-manuals.cfm](http://www.dhsprogram.com/publications/publication-dhsg4-dhs-questi) page 57

Quote:

M17 Whether child was born by caesarian section

M18 Size of child as reported subjectively by the respondent

M19 Weight of child at birth given in kilograms with three implied decimal places (or grams with no decimal places). Children who were not weighed are coded 9996. In some countries, the birth weight was collected in grams, i.e. a total of four digits, whereas other countries collected the weight in kilograms to one decimal place, i.e. a total of two digits. In the latter case, the third and fourth digits are set to zeros. In a few countries, the weight was collected in pounds and/or ounces. For these countries, the original weight variables are stored as a country-specific variable and this variable contains the weight converted to kilograms.

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Quote:

B0 Twin code gives an order number for each child of a multiple birth. Code 0 indicates a single birth, code 1-upwards give the number of the child. Twins are ordered in the birth history with the higher twin codes appearing before the lower twin codes. See the example of the birth history structure below.

Example Birth History:

Hope this helps. Thank you for your post.

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**File Attachments**

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1) [Birth\\_History\\_Example.png](#), downloaded 792 times

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