
Subject: CASEID & BIDX

Posted by [arvinayu](#) on Thu, 02 Mar 2017 15:51:19 GMT

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Hi there, I'm working on fertility rates and cumulative fertility. After working on the data for 2014 where i used the birth and child recodes, i realized that the number of women is different in these two datasets. Could you explain what are the true definition of CASEID for the birth and child recodes, as i know, i think the birth recode shows the different households so it will be the same if both women are from the same household whereas the child recode basically identifies the different mothers and it will be the same when each mother will have a few children. If this is the case, why does the number of mothers is different in these two data sets then? Isn't it supposed to be the same number of mothers since the survey was carried out in the same year. I have read through the manual but it did not state the proper definition of CASEID for each recode. If i interpreted it wrongly, which variable actually identifies the different mothers then? Hope to hear from you soon , thank you.

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Following is a description of the Birth and child recode data:

Children's Data - Children's Recode (KR)

This dataset has one record for every child of eligible women, born in the last five years. It contains the information related to the child's pregnancy and postnatal care and immunization and health. The data for the mother of each of these children is included. This file is used to look at child health indicators such as immunization coverage, vitamin A supplementation, and recent occurrences of diarrhea, fever, and cough for young children and treatment of childhood diseases. The unit of analysis (case) in this file is the children of women born in the last 5 years (0-59 months).

Births' Data - All Children's Recode (BR)

This dataset has one record for every child ever born of eligible women. Essentially, it is the full birth history of all women interviewed including its information on pregnancy and postnatal care as well as immunization and health for children born in the last 5 years. Data for the mother of each of these children is also included. This file can be used to calculate health indicators as well as fertility and mortality rates. The unit of analysis (case) in this file is the children ever born of eligible women.
