Subject: Missing variables for Ghana 1993, 1998, 2003
Posted by tokicz on Mon, 12 Jun 2017 07:56:13 GMT
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Hi,

There seem to be no wealth index variable in any of the DHS 1993 and 1998 data file. Wealth index is not present in the report as well. However, information on several indicators based on wealth index are available in statcompiler. Is there a way to get around this?

DHS 1993 1998- I can't seem to find any information on postnatal care for infants such as timing and who provided the care.

DHS 2008, variable m52, which indicates types of care provider for postnatal care for women seem to be missing as well. If this is labeled differently, could you inform me?

Thank you

Subject: Re: Missing variables for Ghana 1993, 1998, 2003
Posted by Bridgette-DHS on Mon, 12 Jun 2017 14:34:15 GMT
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Wealth Index analysis was introduced to DHS by the end of the 90's. When the decision to include the wealth index as part of DHS was made, standard variables were introduced to the recode definition for both the household and individual questionnaires (HV270 and HV271 for households; V190 and V191 for women; and MV190 and MV191 for men).

For previous surveys a file containing the score and the quintile variables, was created. Essentially wealth index files were created for all DHS surveys except surveys carried out as part of the first DHS phase. This file can be found on the dataset page, once you are logged into your account. Please look for the following file names:

1993 - GHWI31*.*
1998 - GHWI41*.*

Subject: Re: Postnatal care Ghana
Posted by tokicz on Sat, 17 Jun 2017 09:30:14 GMT
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I came across a few issues in trying to estimate percentage of mother and children receiving postnatal care and I was wondering if I could get some feedback.

1998

-variable s417b_1 and s417b_2 have the same label which is whether health check was done for mother/child. Could you tell me which one is for mother and which is for child?

-s417c_1 & s417c_2: can you tell me the amount of time that corresponds to the numbers. I would like to know which number represents 2 days.

2003

I can't seem to find any variable regarding postnatal care for children. Would you be able to tell me where I can find such information

Thank you

Subject: Re: Postnatal care Ghana
Posted by Bridgette-DHS on Mon, 19 Jun 2017 12:21:21 GMT
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Following is a response from Senior DHS Stata Specialist, Tom Pullum:

In the IR file, variables that end with _1 through _5 refer to children born in the past five years. "_1" is for the youngest child born in the past five years, "_2" for the next youngest, etc. In the 1998 survey, the visits are for the mother AND child. Thus s417b_1 applies to the most recent birth. If there was no birth in the past five years, it will be "." for NA ("Not Applicable"). It will be 1 if postnatal care was received, 0 if not. If s417b_1 is "." or 0, then s417c_1 will be "." If there is a numerical code for s417c_1, the first digit will be 1 if digits 2-3 give hours. The first digit will be 2 if digits 2-3 give days. Note that days and hours are always "completed" days/hours. There is no "200" because that would mean "completed days=0", in which case the response is given in hours, such as "108". "201" means "one completed day", which is the same as 24-47 completed hours, or during the second day. "202" means" 2 completed days, etc.

In the 2003 survey, m50_* and m51_* are the corresponding variables. I found them with the "lookfor" command, as in "lookfor check". Note that in the 1998 survey, these were country-specific questions. By 2003, they had become core questions and the variable name starts with m rather than s.

Subject: Re: Postnatal care Ghana
Posted by tokicz on Thu, 22 Jun 2017 04:30:51 GMT
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Thank you for your detailed response. Just to follow up in regards to 2003.

I have already found m50 and m51 but I thought these two variables are for mothers. In 2014 survey for example, there are 2 other variables, m71 &m72 which corresponds to the baby. My question is that I could not find such variables in 2003; unless m50 and m51 are for both mother and child. Could you please let me know? Thank you.

Subject: Re: Postnatal care Ghana
Posted by Bridgette-DHS on Thu, 22 Jun 2017 14:24:08 GMT
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Another response from Senior DHS Stata Specialist, Tom Pullum:

I believe that the first version of the questions about postnatal care did not distinguish between whether it was for the child or for the mother. The best way to check this is to look at the questionnaire for the 2003 survey, which is in Appendix E of the main report (https://www.dhsprogram.com/pubs/pdf/FR152/FR152.pdf). Find the section in which the questions are asked and see whether there are separate responses for the child and the mother. If not, then m50 and m51 will be the best you can do for that survey.

Subject: Re: Missing variables for Ghana 1993, 1998, 2003
Posted by kpat on Mon, 29 Jan 2018 16:10:33 GMT
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Can the wealth index files be merged with either the household or individual recode files?

Subject: Re: Missing variables for Ghana 1993, 1998, 2003
Posted by Bridgette-DHS on Tue, 30 Jan 2018 01:40:54 GMT
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There are several posts related to merging wealth index files with other data files. Please do a search on the forum.
