
Subject: unwanted births_v367 Pakistan DHS 2013
Posted by [qaisar375](#) on Mon, 28 Aug 2017 17:25:58 GMT
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Hello,

I am using demographic and health survey 2013 of Pakistan. I want to calculate total # of births (wanted then+ wanted later+ wanted no more), wanted and unwanted births using variable (v367) in the birth recode. I have used the following commands to generate these variables;
use "I:\DHS\PKBR61FL.dta"

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gen kids=1 if v367>=1 & v367<=3  
by caseid: egen numkids=total(kids)
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gen wantkds=1 if v367>=1 & v367<=2  
by caseid: egen wantkids=total(wantkds)
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gen nomore=1 if v367==3  
by caseid: egen nokids=total(nomore)  
I generated unwanted births using;  
gen unwantedbirth= nokids/numkids *100
```

The unwanted births calculated are either 0 or 100 means that all reported unwanted kids are from the same family, which I think shouldn't be the case. Please advise.

Also please comment on the calculation of unwanted births, should it be (wanted later+ wanted no more) OR only (wanted no more). Thank you very much for your support in advance.

Subject: Re: unwanted births_v367 Pakistan DHS 2013
Posted by [Liz-DHS](#) on Mon, 02 Oct 2017 13:58:26 GMT
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Dear User,

A response from Dr. Tom Pullum:

Quote:

I am not sure what you want to do. I hope you know that v367 refers only to the most recent birth. The question is not asked about any other births. I don't know what your variable "kids" is supposed to be. The other two variables seem to duplicate each other--when one is 1 the other is 0. The following may help. Good luck.

File Attachments

1) [Mssg#12982.png.png](#), downloaded 682 times
