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Subject: early initiation of breastfeeding

Posted by [phres110](#) on Thu, 19 Oct 2017 12:26:51 GMT

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Dear Trevor-DHS,

I am working on Pakistan DHS. I want to investigate the determinants of early initiation of breastfeeding in Pakistani women, using IR file and variable M34\_1 (for last birth only). The DHS report presented the rate of early initiation of breastfeeding in the children born two years preceding the survey. I already viewed the DHS statistic guide and recode manual but found only births in last five years preceding the survey (V208) and births in last three years preceding the survey (V238). Kindly guide me which variable is exactly showing the births in two years preceding the survey and children everbreastfed.

Regards

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Subject: Re: early initiation of breastfeeding

Posted by [Sajhama](#) on Wed, 25 Oct 2017 20:19:00 GMT

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Hi there,

I have also been working in breastfeeding stuffs and I specified children below 24 months by; computing  $V008-B3 < 24$ , the resultant unit is in months. V008 is date of interview and B3 is date of birth.

here is SPSS code,

```
Compute age=V008-B3.
```

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Select if age<24.
```

And for ever breastfeed, we need to recode M4 as;

\*For EVER BREASTFEED only, which includes (ever breastfeed, not currently) and still breastfeeding.

```
RECODE M4 (93=1) (95=1) (ELSE=2) INTO EverBF.
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VARIABLE LABELS EverBF 'Ever Breastfeeding'.
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EXECUTE.
```

Hope this helps. Please check.

Sanjhama

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Subject: Re: early initiation of breastfeeding

Posted by [phres110](#) on Thu, 26 Oct 2017 05:58:14 GMT

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Dear Sanjhama,  
Thank you very much for your help. It worked well.  
Regards.

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