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Subject: Child Anthropometry

Posted by [Glory](#) on Sun, 29 Oct 2017 22:08:21 GMT

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Dear DHS team,

I would like to confirm the correctness of the stata code below with regard to the statistical definition of overweight and obesity for children aged 5-19 years. Secondly, which would be most appropriate to model child malnutrition, PR data or KR data?

gen overweight1=.

replace overweight1=1 if hc71>200&hc71<9000

replace overweight1=0 if hc71<=200

\*or

gen overweight2=.

replace overweight2=1 if hc72>200&hc72<9000

replace overweight2=0 if hc72<=200

gen obese=.

replace obese=1 if hc72>300&hc72<9000

replace obese=0 if hc72<=300

Thank you.

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Subject: Re: Child Anthropometry

Posted by [KendraK](#) on Tue, 31 Oct 2017 23:28:39 GMT

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Hi Glory,

Does DHS provide weight data for children > 5 years? the hc codes you're referring are only for children aged 59 months or younger.

I'm asking because I am looking for weight data for children > 5 years. Please let me know if you have found this somewhere in the DHS dataset.

Thanks,  
Kendra

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Subject: Re: Child Anthropometry

Posted by [Liz-DHS](#) on Wed, 01 Nov 2017 03:20:10 GMT

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Dear User,

Colombia 2005 and Colombia 2010 surveys have variations on the height and weight data. Take

a look at the questionnaires for height and weight to see the specifics. These non standard variables may appear as survey or country specific variables in the recode file.

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