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Subject: Child death

Posted by [dnbhatta](#) on Wed, 22 Nov 2017 20:10:39 GMT

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I am using couple data for analysis. I used two variables: "Have you ever fathered a son or a daughter who was born alive but later died?" and "Have you ever given birth to a boy or girl who was born alive but later died?" I couldn't find the age at death of child in couple data. Can I say that these deaths considered as 0-5 years, as similar to number of children born in the five years preceding the survey who died at any age.

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Subject: Re: Child death

Posted by [Liz-DHS](#) on Wed, 22 Nov 2017 20:56:30 GMT

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Dear User,

Which dataset (country and survey year) are you analyzing?

Thank you!

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Subject: Re: Child death

Posted by [dnbhatta](#) on Wed, 22 Nov 2017 21:13:18 GMT

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I am using couple dataset from Afghanistan 2015, Cambodia 2014, India 2005-06, Indonesia 2012, Maldives 2009, Myanmar 2015-16, Nepal 2011, Timor Leste 2009-10.

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Subject: Re: Child death

Posted by [Liz-DHS](#) on Wed, 22 Nov 2017 22:14:59 GMT

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Dear User,

The Age at Death variable in the recode data set is B6 and does appear in the Couple's data.

From the Standard Recode Manual:

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Quote:

Age at death of the child as reported in the questionnaire. The first digit of the age at death gives the units in which it was reported: 1 - Days, 2 - Months, 3 - Years, 9 - Special responses. The last two digits give the age at death in those units. Age at death is usually reported in days if it was less than one month, in months if it was less than two years and otherwise in years. If the last two digits contain a value greater than 90 then this is a special response. For example, 298 means the age at death was a number of months, and the exact number was unknown, but lies between 1 and 23 months.

BASE: Dead children (B5 = 0).

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