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Subject: Mean age at childbearing

Posted by [ewa.b](#) on Fri, 10 Jan 2014 14:04:02 GMT

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I would like to calculate the mean age at childbearing by birth order, for 3 year period preceding the survey. Are there any resources on how to calculate such indicator in Stata?

Moreover, I am wondering what is the reason for the fact that in DHS reports the median ages at various events, not the means, are usually presented.

Kind regards

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Subject: Re: Mean age at childbearing

Posted by [Liz-DHS](#) on Fri, 10 Jan 2014 22:30:28 GMT

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Dear User,

Below is a response from one of our experts, Dr. Tom Pullum.

DHS reports the median age rather than the mean age for various events because the mean can only be calculated if the event has happened to everyone. The median can be calculated as soon as the event has happened to at least half of the people at risk.

The attached text file is a mini Stata program to do what was requested. To calculate the mean age at childbearing by birth order, for 3 year period preceding the survey.

If this has not answered your question adequately, please reply

Thank you!

#### File Attachments

1) [age\\_of\\_mother\\_by\\_birth\\_order.txt](#), downloaded 1110 times

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