
Subject: POSTNATAL CARE FOR NEWBORN

Posted by [phres110](#) on Thu, 05 Apr 2018 11:29:50 GMT

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Dear Experts

Thank you very much for always being so helpful.

I am using Pakistan 2012-13 data set (IR data) for knowing antenatal and postnatal care in women and child only for the recent birth. I used the variables m70_1 and m71_1. But there are a lot of missing values. I am confused that i made some mistake. Is this question asked from every mother who has a live birth 5 years preceding the survey. Kindly guide me about the commands in spss or sas (for m70_1 and m71_1) to assess the relationship between socio-demographic variables and postnatal care. I want to check my analysis with these commands.

Thank you

Subject: Re: POSTNATAL CARE FOR NEWBORN

Posted by [Trevor-DHS](#) on Fri, 06 Apr 2018 03:32:03 GMT

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If you are using m70_1 and m71_1 in the IR file, these will be missing for any woman who has not had a birth in the past 5 years. If you tab v208 (births in the last 5 years) there are 6097 (unweighted cases with no birth in the last five years, exactly the number of cases missing on m70_1. m71_1 is missing for those same cases as well as for all cases that did not say yes on m70_1.

Subject: Re: POSTNATAL CARE FOR NEWBORN

Posted by [phres110](#) on Fri, 06 Apr 2018 03:38:45 GMT

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Thank you very much

Subject: Re: POSTNATAL CARE FOR NEWBORN

Posted by [phres110](#) on Fri, 06 Apr 2018 03:42:36 GMT

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Dear Trevor

Kindly guide me what to do? I am working on women who had a live birth 5 years preceding the survey, (if v208=0 then delete). These missing values are for mothers who had no birth, should i deleted all the missing values and or reduce my sample size?

Regards

Subject: Re: POSTNATAL CARE FOR NEWBORN

Posted by [Trevor-DHS](#) on Fri, 06 Apr 2018 03:48:05 GMT

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It is not for me to tell you what to do - it is your analysis. If you want to look at postnatal care you do need to select only the women who had a birth in the five years preceding the survey.

Subject: Re: POSTNATAL CARE FOR NEWBORN
Posted by [phres110](#) on Fri, 06 Apr 2018 03:52:48 GMT
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Dear DHS Expert

Thank you for your quick response. I am not asking about my analysis. I just wanted to know how do you experts advice in these situations. Anyway, i got it.

Regards

Subject: Re: POSTNATAL CARE FOR NEWBORN
Posted by [kingx025](#) on Sat, 21 Apr 2018 21:54:59 GMT
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You may find using the variable-specific documentation for variables of interest on the IPUMS-DHS website to be helpful in determining the universe (who answered the question). The Pakistan DHS surveys are now included in IPUMS-DHS (available at idhsdata.org). You can search for variables using the DHS variable name (which in your example would be M70_1 (or M70_X) and M71_1 (or M71_X). Click on the variable name to go to the "variable description," which includes a tab for "universe" (specifying who answered the question) which is empirically checked by the IPUMS-DHS staff.

Using your example, here are how the universes are described on the IPUMS-DHS website:
M70_1 for Pakistan 2012: Ever-married women age 15-49 who gave birth in the 5 years before the survey

M71_1 for Pakistan 2012: Ever-married women age 15-49 who gave birth in the 5 years before the survey and whose last-born child had a postnatal check within 2 months of delivery.

Similar detailed information about universes is available for every sample included in every variable in IPUMS-DHS.

Miriam King

Subject: Re: POSTNATAL CARE FOR NEWBORN
Posted by [phres110](#) on Mon, 23 Apr 2018 04:46:46 GMT
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Dear Miriam King

Thank you very much for your guidance. It really worked and helped me a lot.
Regards.
