
Subject: Respondent's year of birth NDHS 1996
Posted by [Mkyo](#) on Sat, 28 Jul 2018 12:42:00 GMT
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Hi there,

I was wondering how the respondent's year of birth for 1996 Nepal Women's dataset is coded. When dataset is tabulated on Stat it says that it is coded from 2 to 38. I would greatly appreciate your kind clarification.

Many thanks in advance.

Subject: Re: Respondent's year of birth NDHS 1996
Posted by dugaldwefoster@gmail.com on Sat, 04 Aug 2018 10:39:19 GMT
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Hello Mkyo,

I have the same question as you- were you able to find the answer anywhere?

Subject: Re: Respondent's year of birth NDHS 1996
Posted by [Mkyo](#) on Sun, 05 Aug 2018 08:18:16 GMT
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Hi there,

Unfortunately my question has not been answered yet. I hope a DHS representative will respond back soon.

Subject: Re: Respondent's year of birth NDHS 1996
Posted by dugaldwefoster@gmail.com on Wed, 08 Aug 2018 11:35:57 GMT
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Hi Mkyo,

I have an idea about what is happening here.

I think that maybe all dates in the year of birth data are showing only the last two digits of the Nepali date. So when the dataset gives year of birth as "2", or "38", what it really means is "2002" or "2038".

(NB These are Nepali dates, which are roughly 57 years ahead of Gregorian calendar dates- I

think there is another post in the DHS forum about this date formatting).

This would mean that the proper range is 2002-2038, or in Gregorian format, 1945-1981.

It is just an idea of mine, but I think it makes sense... If it is correct then one simply need to recode all values in the dataset to +2000, and then subtract 57 to give Gregorian dates, if necessary.

Let me know if you have any further thoughts.

Best,

Dugald
