
Subject: Length of actual birth interval
Posted by [kjeffers](#) on Tue, 21 Aug 2018 23:14:34 GMT
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I am trying to replicate the values for Mali 2006 presented in table 2.1.a of DHS Comparative Reports 28: Trends in Birth Spacing.

When I select births according to the criteria specified in the methodology section of the report (intervals ending in the 59 months before the survey, excluding first births, and treating multiple births from the same pregnancy as a single interval), I get 11,475 unweighted intervals (in B11) and 11643 weighted intervals. The report indicates 11,389 weighted intervals were included in calculations. Is there further selection I need to perform?

Stata code:

```
summarize B11 if BORD > 1 & (V008 - B3 < 60) & (B0==0 | B0==1), detail
```

Thanks for the help!

Subject: Re: Length of actual birth interval
Posted by [Liz-DHS](#) on Mon, 27 Aug 2018 13:48:37 GMT
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A response from Dr. Shea Rutstein:

Quote:

The difference is that the report only uses unimputed dates for the interval. This further selection is not in the STATA code shown.

Best regards,
Shea

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Posted by [kjeffers](#) on Mon, 27 Aug 2018 14:14:40 GMT
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Thank you very much!
