
Subject: Health service variables and stillbirth
Posted by [Sami](#) on Sun, 16 Sep 2018 09:30:17 GMT
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Dear DHS forum,

i am using Ethiopia DHS women data 2011.

I have read that health service variables such as ANC, TT vaccine, and mode of delivery are only for most recent live birth five years preceding the survey. However, when i crosstab, stillbirth with these variables, i can see limited cases of stillbirth that have information on health service variables such as ANC, TT vaccine, and mode of delivery. Can anyone from expert group explain if the dhs collect health service information for stillbirth or why i am getting some stillbirth cases that has health service information.

Thank you

Sammy

Subject: Re: Health service variables and stillbirth
Posted by [boyle014](#) on Thu, 01 Nov 2018 21:52:17 GMT
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Hi Sammy,

IPUMS DHS provides specific information on the types of children covered by each variable. Find your variables of interest under TOPICS. Each variable name is a hot link. Click on it, and you will see a UNIVERSE tab at the top. That provides this information.

Browsing quickly, I see that

ANCARE (received antenatal care) was asked of "Last-born children born in the 5 years before the survey to women age 15-49."

VACBCG (child received BCG or TB vaccination) was asked of "Surviving children under age 5, born to women age 15-49."

This suggests that the universes vary across your variables of interest.

Hope this is helpful.
