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Subject: Sexwise total number of living children of mothers

Posted by [rkchettri](#) on Thu, 11 Oct 2018 04:35:31 GMT

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Dear expert,

Can you provide how to calculate the total parity, total number and gender of the living children of the mothers? We are using Stata software.

I tried to identify the total number of female children of women using the following command, but it did not work

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recode b4_01 1=0 2=1, gen(b4_01f)
recode b4_02 1=0 2=1, gen(b4_02f)
recode b4_03 1=0 2=1, gen(b4_03f)
recode b4_04 1=0 2=1, gen(b4_04f)
recode b4_05 1=0 2=1, gen(b4_05f)
recode b4_06 1=0 2=1, gen(b4_06f)
recode b4_07 1=0 2=1, gen(b4_07f)
recode b4_08 1=0 2=1, gen(b4_08f)
recode b4_09 1=0 2=1, gen(b4_09f)
recode b4_10 1=0 2=1, gen(b4_10f)
```

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gen b4totf=b4_01f +b4_02f+ b4_03f+ b4_04f+ b4_05f +b4_06f+ b4_07f +b4_08f+ b4_09f+
b4_10f
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Regards,  
RK

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Subject: Re: Sexwise total number of living children of mothers

Posted by [Trevor-DHS](#) on Wed, 31 Oct 2018 13:41:09 GMT

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These variables already exist in the women's recode file in variables v201 (total parity) to v208. Total female children ever born is the sum of v203 + v205 + v207.

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Subject: Re: Sexwise total number of living children of mothers

Posted by [rkchettri](#) on Wed, 31 Oct 2018 15:18:55 GMT

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Thank you for this clue. But we are looking for total number female or male living children at the time of interview.

Thank you again.

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Subject: Re: Sexwise total number of living children of mothers

Posted by [Trevor-DHS](#) on Wed, 31 Oct 2018 15:51:40 GMT

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If you read the labels for the variables you will see that two of those variables are about living children and one is about dead children. So total living female children is  $v203 + v205$ , and total living male children is  $v202 + v204$ .

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