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**Subject:** Re: query for OHS 1999 Children file

Thank you! yup Nicola told me this morning too - sorry I should have checked it before bothering you. When I am King, Statssa is the first place which is going to get reformed!  
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On Tue, Apr 20, 2010 at 10:09 AM, Lynn Woolfrey <Lynn.Woolfrey@uct.ac.za> wrote:

> Hello Katherine

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> Nicola had a look at the file and pointed out that in the 1996-98 OHS questionnaires the initial question asked is

> 2.1 How many children (live births) have you ever given birth to?

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> Whereas in the 1999 OHS questionnaire the initial question asked is

> 2.1 How many children (live births) has ..... given birth to in the last 12 months?

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> So the 1999 dataset does not include a full birth history only births in the last 12 months, which explains the smaller sample.

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> Who knows why SSA changed the question. Probably just to give us a challenge!

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> Let me know if you have further questions.

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> Regards

> Lynn

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>>>> Katherine Eyal <katherine.eyal@gmail.com> 2010/04/19 02:12 PM >>>

> Hi Lynn

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> As discussed, I'd like to know what the story is with the child level

> 1999 OHS Children file. It has 1996 observations in it, whereas the

> corresponding file in 1998 has 67650 observations, and in 1997, where  
> there is only a births file, which is also at the child level, there  
> are 104877 observations. Something is quite odd - I don't think I can  
> use the 1999 file at all, and there is a large discrepancy in numbers  
> between 1997 and 1998.

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> Thanks

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> Katherine

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