

Table 2: FERTILITY structure, with each variable, content, and coding options (from the PLHD Working Group Documentation)

Column name	Column contents	More notes on contents
StudyID ¹	Study number	Number. Each study is assigned an arbitrary identifying number that is an integer.
AnimID ²	ID	Males must not have entries. All values in this cell must correspond to an AnimID in Biography. Character. Mature and immature females have an entry if they have been observed for at least one continuous interval of at least one year. See individual study documentation for criteria for continuous observations.
Startdate	Startdate for fertility surveillance	Date on which continuous surveillance of fertility began. A new row for the same female should be started after a study-specific interval in which no or limited observations occurred, if that interval was long enough to have missed a birth. See individual study documentation. Date: dd-Mmm-yyyy. ³
Starttype	Reason for the start of surveillance	B, I, C, O for birth, immigration into the study population, confirmed ID, and beginning of observation, respectively. C and O vary by study; see individual study documentation & Biography table template notes for entry type.
Stopdate	Stopdate for fertility surveillance	Date on which continuous surveillance of fertility ended. Date: dd-Mmm-yyyy ³
Stoptype	Cause of the end of surveillance	Cause of the end of surveillance. D, E, P, O for death, emigration, permanent disappearance and end of observation, respectively.

¹Links to STUDY POPULATION.

²Links to BIOGRAPHY.

³We implemented study-specific criteria for what were treated as continuous observations. The criteria for defining these periods are kept as records by individual researchers.