

• Here is an example of the resulting combined data. I would now like to update the birthdate (in participants_demographic) to a random date as follows: 1. in the year represented by 'enroll year', use June 30 of that year (midway through the year). 2. refer to the column 'age group' and wich will be either '19-21' or '16-18', 3. then create a random date that is within that range For example if the year is 2020 and the age group is 16-18 the birthdate would make this imaginary participant 16, 17 or 18 years old on june 30, 2020. lets do this as a select first, then when it looks right we can make that an update. Ask any clarifying questions that may be needed, first.

ChatGPT said:

Perfect — that screenshot clarifies exactly what you're doing. Before I write the query, let me confirm how you'd like to handle one subtle but important point:

When you say "create a random date that is within that range," we have two possible interpretations:

1. Literal birthdays:

For each participant, the resulting birthdate should be sometime between **June 30 of** (enroll_year - max_age) and **June 30 of** (enroll_year - min_age).

Example: if enroll_year = 2020 and age_group = '16-18', then any date between **2002-07-01 and 2004-06-30**.

2. Exactly their age on June 30 of the enroll year:

So, for each participant we randomly choose an integer age (e.g., 16, 17, or 18), and their birthday is **June 30 minus that number of years**, possibly plus/minus a few random days within that year.

Could you confirm which version you want?

If it's #1 (full random date within the range), I'll give you a clean SELECT that shows a reproducible random date for each record using RAND(CHECKSUM(NEWID())).

If it's #2 (age as of June 30 of enroll_year), I'll instead generate one of the three valid ages and pick a random day within that year — both doable directly in T-SQL.

Once you confirm which you want, I'll show you:

o a safe SELECT **preview** (so you can see the dates),

• and then a matching UPDATE statement.

You said:

it should be #1 unless by "plus/minus a few random days" you meant +/- 180 days

ChatGPT said:

Perfect — that's clear.

We'll go with **#1**: a truly random birthday within the valid range, i.e.:

- For '16-18': random date between June 30 18 years and June 30 16 years
- For '19-21': random date between June 30 21 years and June 30 19 years

Here's a **preview query** you can safely run first (it only selects — no updates yet):

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SELECT
    d.participant_id,
    p.enroll_year,
    p.age_group,
    -- calculate lower & upper bounds based on enroll_year and age_group
    CASE
        WHEN p.age\_group = '16-18' THEN DATEADD(YEAR, -18,
DATEFROMPARTS(p.enroll_year, 6, 30))
        WHEN p.age_group = '19-21' THEN DATEADD(YEAR, -21,
DATEFROMPARTS(p.enroll_year, 6, 30))
    END AS min_birthdate,
    CASE
        WHEN p.age_group = '16-18' THEN DATEADD(YEAR, -16,
DATEFROMPARTS(p.enroll_year, 6, 30))
        WHEN p.age_group = '19-21' THEN DATEADD(YEAR, -19,
DATEFROMPARTS(p.enroll_year, 6, 30))
    END AS max_birthdate,
    -- random birthday within the range
    DATEADD(
        DAY,
        CAST(RAND(CHECKSUM(NEWID())) *
             DATEDIFF(
                 DAY.
                 CASE
                    WHEN p.age_group = '16-18' THEN DATEADD(YEAR, -18,
DATEFROMPARTS(p.enroll_year, 6, 30))
                    WHEN p.age_group = '19-21' THEN DATEADD(YEAR, -21,
DATEFROMPARTS(p.enroll_year, 6, 30))
                 END,
                 CASE
                    WHEN p.age_group = '16-18' THEN DATEADD(YEAR, -16,
DATEFROMPARTS(p.enroll_year, 6, 30))
                    WHEN p.age_group = '19-21' THEN DATEADD(YEAR, -19,
DATEFROMPARTS(p.enroll_year, 6, 30))
                 END
             ) AS int)
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CASE

WHEN p.age_group = '16-18' THEN DATEADD(YEAR, -18,

DATEFROMPARTS(p.enroll_year, 6, 30))

WHEN p.age_group = '19-21' THEN DATEADD(YEAR, -21,

DATEFROMPARTS(p.enroll_year, 6, 30))

END

) AS random_birthdate

FROM participants p

JOIN participants_demographics d

ON p.participant_id = d.participant_id;
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***** How it works

- DATEFROMPARTS(p.enroll_year, 6, 30) \rightarrow June 30 of that enroll year.
- o For example: 2020 → 2020-06-30.
- We then shift back 16–21 years to get min/max birth years.
- RAND(CHECKSUM(NEWID())) creates a unique random value per row.
- DATEADD(DAY, random × range, min_birthdate) picks a day in that range.