**Table 1.** Results of the Kruskal–Wallis test for all variables

| **Variable** | **Chi-square** | **GL** | **p-value** |
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| Spontaneous preterm birth | 699 | 3 | <0.00001 |
| Elective preterm birth | 1057.5 | 3 | <0.00001 |
| Inadequacy of antenatal care | 809.63 | 3 | <0.00001 |
| Gini index | 764.95 | 3 | <0.00001 |
| HDI | 1307.4 | 3 | <0.00001 |

HDI, human development index