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Subject: Re: Sample weights disappear after merge household with childs recode  
Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Tue, 05 Jul 2016 17:12:26 GMT

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Another response from Tom Pullum:

I don't use SPSS--just Stata. If hv005 is missing for some children in the merged file, they will be children who are in the KR file but not in the PR file. They will be children who died OR children who do not live in the household, even though their mother is in the household. The KR file includes children born in the past five years to the women who are in the IR file. Some of those children live elsewhere.

I would not expect you to lose hv005 just because of the sequence of the two files in the merge. Maybe that can happen in SPSS. I don't think it would happen in Stata. However, my normal practice is to start with the larger file and then merge the smaller file with it. Thus, in this case I would start with the PR file and then merge with the KR file, not the reverse.

You should get unique identifiers if you match hv001 hv002 hvidx in the PR file with v001 v002 b16 in the KR file.

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