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Subject: Merging data

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I am working with data from KDHS and most of the variables I would like to use are in the PR file and MR file. I have seen that a previous question was already asked on the forum but I would like to know whether there is a way I can merge the data such that I do not lose part of my age(hv105)values.

Using advice from the previous posts, this is how I carried out my merging:

```
use "\\smbhome.uscs.susx.ac.uk\ln201\Desktop\KDHS\KEMR70FL.DTA", clear
rename mv001 hv001
rename mv002 hv002
rename mv003 hvidx
save "\\smbhome.uscs.susx.ac.uk\ln201\Desktop\KDHS\KEMR70FL.DTA", replace
file \\smbhome.uscs.susx.ac.uk\ln201\Desktop\KDHS\KEMR70FL.DTA saved
```

```
use "\\smbhome.uscs.susx.ac.uk\ln201\Desktop\KDHS\KEPR70FL.DTA", clear
sort hv001 hv002 hvidx
```

```
merge hv001 hv002 hvidx using MRtemp.dta
```

```
tab _merge
```

_merge	Freq.	Percent	Cum.
1	141,021	91.67	91.67
3	12,819	8.33	100.00
Total	153,840	100.00	

The output I get on age of household members before using keep if \_merge==3 is:

```
sum hv105
```

Variable	Obs	Mean	Std. Dev.	Min	Max
hv105	153,822	22.67255	19.12394	0	95

But after keep if \_merge==3 is:

```
sum hv105
```

Variable	Obs	Mean	Std. Dev.	Min	Max
hv105	12,819	30.07645	10.90915	15	54

I am kindly inquiring if there is a way I can merge such that hv105 will have values beginning from 0-15 as that's the desired age group I would like to focus on.

Thank you.