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Subject: sample weights when using a subsample  
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I would like to kindly ask one quick info related to the use of sample weights. I am using a pooled dataset of India 1992, 1998, and 2005.

In my analysis, i only consider a sub-sample of women: those who at least one child, less than 9 children, aged 15 to 39, and exclude women for whom some key variables are missing.

Do I need to use sample weights when I do descriptive stats and regressions with this subsample? I am unsure what it means to use sample weights when you are using a subsample of women in the IR file (and the subsample of women with children is certainly not balanced across the strata, for example urban/rural)...

Also, some authors use weights, others do not. Are there clear guidelines on this?

Many thanks for any assistance on this, highly appreciated!

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