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Subject: Re: Calculating cases for IYCF

Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Tue, 27 Jun 2017 14:20:12 GMT

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Following is a response from Senior DHS Stata Specialist, Tom Pullum:

Yes, we would agree that you have satisfactorily matched the reports. You are thinking of appending the files, not merging them. Apparently you want to combine the three surveys into a single file. I would not recommend that you combine into a single file unless you have a really good reason for doing that. As you note, if you do that, you have to switch to a common set of codes for all three surveys. If you proceed, there will be no alternative to doing your best to construct a common set of codes. This could be difficult or even impossible if the questionnaires were too different.

The names of the IR files for the 2003, 2008, and 2013 surveys are NGIR4B, NGIR53, and NGIR6A, respectively. You should only be using the 4B, 53, and 6A files.

Recoden refers to the recode structure that was used in the survey. If you look at column 4: Recode on the available datasets listing, you will see the "recode" that was used for each survey.

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