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Subject: Re: declaring child survey in Stata

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In the past I have tried to regularize all my regions across survey rounds to have the most regions that are comparable... in this case I think (based on what you said) that that would imply merging the three regions in the later survey into one. That is fine - the definitions of regions are somewhat arbitrary anyway.

The only other thing you could do is define your own regions using the GPS data if it is available for all rounds, but I think in most cases that is overkill (and you have some small problems with the GPS displacement possibly messing with borders).

I'd just combine the regions in the 1988 survey and be good to go. You can always drop that survey as a robustness check to see if you get similar results, but it shouldn't really change much.