
Subject: Re: Weighting between DHS and non DHS surveys
Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Thu, 17 Jan 2019 13:40:54 GMT
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Please see the following response from Senior DHS Stata Specialist, Tom Pullum:

This is not a situation in which you would merge the files. The term "merge" refers to combining two data files case-by-case. An example would be constructing a file of couples by pairing the data for a man and the data for a woman in the same household into a single line of data. (Such a merge requires using the line numbers of partners, as well as household id code.) In that situation you have a weight for the woman (v005) and a weight for the man (mv005) and you DO have to worry about what the weight should be for the couple. (In that situation we recommend mv005, because nonresponse for men is more serious than women; Stan Becker recommends constructing a "couples weight" in a recent article in the journal Demography.) In your situation, however, you would not do a merge and this is not an issue. For the DHS survey, use the DHS weights; for the other survey, use its weights, if any.