
Subject: Re: Merging datasets for different countries on SPSS
Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Thu, 28 Mar 2019 15:29:32 GMT
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Following is a response from Senior DHS Stata Specialist, Tom Pullum:

You are talking about appending data files rather than merging. There have been many forum postings on this topic, mostly using Stata rather than SPSS.

Why do you think you need "at least 1 million births"? You could definitely analyze the sex ratio at birth (I think "at birth" is what you are talking about) using the BR files for specific countries. It is NOT necessary to pool or append the files. The sex of the child is given as b4, with 1=boy and 2=girl. You could, for example, recode this into a 0/1 variable and use logit regression. I suggest that you start with a search of what other researchers may have done with the sex ratio and DHS data.
