
Subject: Re: Merging BR file with PR file for NFHS-4 round(India)
Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Thu, 27 Jun 2019 00:25:11 GMT
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Following is a response from Senior DHS Stata Specialist, Tom Pullum:

You are getting a large number of unmatched cases because you do not have any restrictions on age. The cases with `_merge=1` are household members who do not appear in the birth histories--obviously the great majority of household members. The cases with `_merge=2` are "children" in the birth histories who can be up to 30-34 years old, and not in the same household as their mother. If the child is missing on `b16`, it is because he/she has died. If `b16` is `=`, then the child is living but not in the household.

It would be reasonable to impose an age limit such as 4 or 14 or 17 and to omit children who have died.

I don't see anything wrong with your Stata code.