
Subject: Re: Creating an unbalanced panel
Posted by [Niranjana](#) on Mon, 16 Dec 2019 15:08:50 GMT
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Thank you for the response Tom.

I was looking to create a dataset with multiple entries per woman depending on the number of children she has with the exact same variables as would be present in the IR file for the year. Except now with instead of multiple columns for each child (as in IR), the dataset will be long with multiple rows per woman and her birth history.

This is what I meant by an unbalanced panel -- the woman enters the panel at the time of marriage with year entries for each birth and exits the panel on the year of interview. I reviewed BR files and the data seems to represent exactly what I was looking for.

Do you think it would be wise if I were to append multiple waves of the NFHS BR datasets? Are the caseid variables unique across each wave? using -duplicates report caseid- shows that some caseids are reported over 20 times even though the max number of children recorded is 18 for NFHS I AND II.

Thanks so much for the help, Bridgette and Tom!
