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Subject: Re: Merging DHS data in Stata

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Following is a response from DHS Research & Data Analysis Director, Tom Pullum:

After any merging, if you have multiple versions of the \*v021 or \*v022 variables, it makes no difference which one you use. But if you have multiple versions of the \*v005 variables, it does make a slight difference which one you use. The priority is like this: v005 has priority over hv005 for women and children; mv005 has priority over hv005 for men; mv005 has priority over v005 for couples; and d005 has priority over v005 when using the domestic violence module for women. I don't believe this survey included HIV testing, but for surveys that do, when using HIV test results, hiv05 has priority over any other version of the weight. These rules are based on the general pattern of nonresponse. Each weight includes an adjustment for nonresponse.

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