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Subject: Re: Merging data files in Stata

Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Tue, 06 May 2014 13:33:52 GMT

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Here are comments from Tom Pullum:

Dear Ahmed--I do not like unnecessary complexity either, but the choice of the model depends on many things, including the level of measurement of the outcome variable (for example, is it an interval-level variable, or binary, or a count), and the sampling design (for example, is it a multi-stage cluster sample and were weights used). OLS normally refers to an interval-level outcome and a simple random sample (srs)--that is, the simplest possible situation. For most DHS users the outcome is NOT interval level, and the sample is never srs.

Please say a little more about what you propose to do after you pool several surveys from the same country? What is your research question? What is your outcome variable?

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