
Subject: Re: Strange Issues w/ Data Formatting from DHS

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Hi Trevor, once more, thank you a million times over for the guidance. The importance of the 'keep' statement had slipped my mind! The WI and PR data set combined perfectly, and I'm almost there, but of course another last minute problem has cropped up when trying to combine everything with the IR dataset. Here I've been stuck on a somewhat bizarre issue for the past couple of hours. STATA is insisting when I try and do the last merge that the "variable _merge is already defined." I'm aware that when STATA performs merges it might save the merge as a variable so I attempted to drop the merge command and then rerun the merge but when I try and drop the "_merge" it tells me that this variable doesn't exist. However, when I try to rerun the merge it then tells me once more that the variable is already defined. I'm attaching a screenshot here so you can see what the problem looks like in STATA. You've been of such incredible help so far so I figured I'd ask because maybe this is a problem others have had as well? It's unusual but I know you've seen so much with respect to the issues that might crop up with DHS data in STATA. As always, thank you so much in advance for any guidance you might be able to provide <3

File Attachments

1) [Screen Shot 2024-05-03 at 1.09.24 AM.png](#), downloaded 79 times
