
Subject: Re: Strange Issues w/ Data Formatting from DHS
Posted by [Trevor-DHS](#) on Tue, 11 Jun 2024 18:12:34 GMT

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It is not that the date of the household interview is different (although it can be on occasion) - usually the household interview is the same day as the individual interview, or the individual interview is the next day. The issue is that the calculation of age is wrong about half the time if you just subtract year of birth from year of interview. For example, someone born in 2000 and interviewed in 2004 could be either 23 or 24, depending on the day and month of birth and the day and month of interview. The simple calculation would give you 24, but about half of the cases would actually be 23, so it is much better to use the actual reported age.

For the issue of getting v012 into your data files, I think your approach of creating a separate file and then merging it in should work fine.
