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Subject: Re: Creating a pooled NFHS dataset

Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Tue, 22 Oct 2024 12:20:30 GMT

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Following is a response from Senior DHS staff member, Tom Pullum:

If you are looking at changes and differences between the two surveys, you can stay with the original weights. No need to modify them. Your "time" variable could be the month and year of the interview, or just v008, the century month code for the date of interview. The interviews in both surveys were spread out over long intervals.

You need a variable for district that is the same in both surveys. Looking at the KR files, I see that in the NFHS-4, the variable is sdistri and the label is SDISTRI. In the NFHS-5, the variable is sdist and the label is SDIST. If you list those labels you will see that they are not the same. You will have to recode sdist into sdistri, or the reverse, or recode the two of them into a blended version. Good luck doing that.

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