Subject: Revisiting the topic of weighting data Posted by Anonymous on Tue, 21 Jan 2025 09:09:48 GMT

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Dear colleague,

I would like your advice and opinion. I accept my question has been discussed many times in this forum, and I have already read most of the replies, including the file pool and reweight surveys do 22Ot2024.txt written by Tom Pullum.

My point to revisit is on how to append different DHS databases and weights: let's say I want to use data from children under 5 years using KR databases from the same country and from 4 different survey years. My intention is to create a database that after adjustment for potential confounders would represent a hypothetical average population. My questions:

- 1) in the Stata routine in the txt text, what is the target population to generate the var factor? a)the total population, b) women 15-49 yo, or c) children <5yo?
- 2)would it make sense to use weightr as wtr=hv005r/1000000/4 to create a kind of "average" population of the 4 years?

Thank you in advance for your help!