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Subject: Re: Pooling Data for Trends Over Time in a Single Country

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Following is a response from Senior DHS Sampling Specialist, Ruilin Ren:

Your question on whether you need to create a pooled dataset or not depends on the analysis you are doing. If you are looking at the trends and determinants for several surveys together, from the same country, you may need to create a pooled data sets. If you look at the trends and determinants for each single survey and then try compare the changes on the trends/determinants, then you do not need to pool data together.

So it is essentially depends on your analysis. However, if you do pool surveys together, you need to de-normalize the weight (V005) before pooling. Please refer to the forum for instructions on pooling data.

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