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Subject: NFHS3 - Weights and Survey command  
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Hey,

I am analysing the health indicators of children under the age of 5 from the NFHS-3 dataset and would be running ordered logit, binary logit and count models. I am using individual and the children's recode files and had a few doubts-

1. For the summary statistics, which type of weights do i use- aweights or iweights with the v005 variable? The latter gives me slightly different standard deviations from the former but the difference is of a few decimal values only. Also, Stata 12.0 gives me an error while using pweights, so I am assuming that using pweights can be ruled out. Is that okay?

2. While running the regressions, is it advisable to use the survey command? I came across an article online which said that its use for maximum likelihood estimation techniques should be avoided. If i can use the command, can you tell me the specific information i would need to set for the same to be stored in stata? Also, if i use the survey command, does it work for summary statistics as well in the sense that i don't have to specify the weights?

Thanks.

-RS

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