Subject: Re: Weighting variables in DHS India data (1992 and 1998) Posted by user_rm on Tue, 18 Aug 2015 17:06:24 GMT

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Hi,

I am running regressions of a pooled cross section data for 2 years of NFHS (1992 and 1998). The data is

where i represents number of kids, j number of districts and t = 1992, 1998

Yit is the outcome variable e.g standard deviation of height for age for each kid (also called height for age z score) for 2 time periods

prop is the proportion of villages treated in each district j. I define treatment by the presence of an Anganwadi centre in village.

So in 1 district the proportion could be 1 (if all villages had the Anganwadi centre), 0 (if none had) or e.g 0.83 (if 5 out of 6 villages had the centre)

µj are the district dummies controls would be mother's education, family size, etc eit are the cluster standard errors

I want to run another version of this equation where I have average data by each district (e.g average height for weight z score). I am not sure how to do this in stata. I used the collapse command but I am having troubling in getting the specification of this command right. Can you please guide me in this regard?

- 1. I am confused as to how to get the proportion of villages treated in each district weighted by the number of kids treated in that district.
- 2. Will it be okay to weight the controls like wealth index, 0/1 variables in the same way?
- 3. The controls and the dependent variable will be weighted by the number of kids treated and non treated in the district? How can I do that in stata?
- 4. I should use cluster SE. So should the regression command have cluster(District) or vce(cluster District)? what is the difference between the two?

The collapse command I was trying to work is below: gen ones=1 collapse(rawsum) ones(mean) propor [fw=ones], by (District treated) where treated would be number of kids treated?

Please help in this regard.

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