
Subject: Re: How to Weight Data in R
Posted by [Trevor-DHS](#) on Sat, 14 Sep 2013 15:44:37 GMT
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Hi Onetwo,

The warnings you are getting are because R converts categorical variables with labels into factors, but some variables have the same label for more than one category. R appears to convert these into a single level in the factor it creates. Some of these cases are because there are blank labels defined, and so all categories get converted into a single level in the factor.

You can avoid this by not converting categorical variables into factors. You can do this by using:

```
mydata <- read.dta("c:/Births/CDBR50DT/CDBR50FL.dta", convert.factors=FALSE)
```

and then convert any variables that you want to use into factors when you need them. This will avoid the warning messages that are produced in the conversion process.

Cheers. Trevor
