

Thanks for this. This code makes sense and I ran the merge.

When you say "\*\*this match works fine". What do you mean by that?

I ran the match using the exact code below and only changed the paths. See tab output below.

I understand how some PR (n=54,799) might not have kids, but not how some BR (18,126) might not have households. Only 36% of the data is matching perfectly.

Does that make sense to you? What am I missing?

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_merge	Freq.	Percent	Cum.
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1	18,126	15.89	15.89
2	54,799	48.04	63.93
3	41,150	36.07	100.00
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Total	114,075	100.00	

The same for 2007

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_merge	Freq.	Percent	Cum.
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1	9,716	16.75	16.75
2	28,459	49.06	65.81
3	19,832	34.19	100.00
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Total	58,007	100.00	