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Subject: Re: Merging Birth and Household Recodes  
Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Fri, 08 Apr 2016 17:27:22 GMT  
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A response from Senior DHS Stata Specialist, Tom Pullum:

Hi Carrie--

I'm glad it worked. That's all I meant by "\*\*this match works fine". There were no error messages. I should have removed the comments. I checked one merge and then the other and just inserted the comments in case I had to switch to something else....

The BR file includes all "children" in the birth histories, many of whom are now adults and living in their own households. I'm sure that almost all of the of the very youngest children will be living in the same household as their mother. For children of increasing age, the probability that the mother has died or lives in a different household will increase steadily. It's not that the older children don't have households--it's just that they are not in the same household as the mother.

You may actually want this merge only for children under five, which you would get by using the KR file rather than the BR file.

Let me know if you have other questions.

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