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Subject: Re: merging household and individual data  
Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Tue, 14 Jun 2016 14:17:16 GMT  
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Another response from Tom Pullum:

What I described is based on a merge of the BR and PR files. You can keep whatever variables you want from those files as part of the "keep" lines. You can merge variables from the IR and MR files onto the PR file, either before or after the merge with the BR file.

The general practice is to prefer age from the IR and MR files, i.e. v112 and mv112, over age in the PR file, i.e. hv105. hv105 comes from the household respondent and may not be as accurate as age that comes from the interview with the person. Similarly, for a child, b8 would be preferred to hv105, because b8 comes from the mother.