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Subject: Confirming the correctness of merging two datasets  
Posted by [gebretsh@gmail.com](mailto:gebretsh@gmail.com) on Fri, 02 Dec 2022 12:08:55 GMT  
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Dear DHS experts,

As usual, I would like to thank you for the much-needed assistances you provide to me on questions I pose related to DHS data.

I merged the 2000 KR file with the 2000 wealth index file in Stata. The observations in the KR file are 10873 and in the WI, they are 14072. Now, after I merged the two data, the result shows that all 10873 observations in the KR are matched with the WI observations. However, the unmatched observations from the WI file are 7095, far more than I normally expect ( $14072 - 10873 = 3199$ ). I guess that this would happen since I use many-to-one merge, but I am not quite sure whether this is true, and I kindly bring it to your attention for confirmation.

Regards,

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Following is a response from Senior DHS staff member, Tom Pullum:

Your merge is ok. The WI file has one record for every household in the survey, and there were 7095 households that had no children under 5. Below I will give the Stata code for this merge, because it shows how to unpack whhid in the WI file. I use an older version of the merge command, which I prefer because it does not require specifying 1:m, etc.

\* Specify a workspace

```
cd e:\DHS\DHS_data\scratch
```

\* Prepare the WI file

```
use "C:\Users\26216\ICF\Analysis - Shared Resources\Data\DHSdata\ETWI41FL.DTA"  
describe hhid
```

\* whhid is str12

```
forvalues li=1/12 {  
gen col`li'=substr(whhid,`li',1)  
}
```

```
list col* if _n<=20, table clean  
tab1 col*
```

\* It appears that hv001 is cols 7-9 and hv002 is cols 10-12

```
gen hv001=substr(whhid,7,3)
```

```
gen hv002=substr(whhid,10,3)
```

```
destring(hv001), generate(cluster)  
destring(hv002), generate(hh)
```

```
sort cluster hh  
save ETWltemp.dta, replace
```

```
* Prepare the KR file
```

```
use "C:\Users\26216\ICF\Analysis - Shared Resources\Data\DHSdata\ETKR41FL.DTA"
```

```
summarize v001 v002
```

```
* v001 and v002 have 1-3 columns
```

```
gen cluster=v001
```

```
gen hh=v002
```

```
list cluster hh if _n<=20, table clean
```

```
sort cluster hh
```

```
* Do the merge
```

```
merge cluster hh using ETWltemp.dta
```

```
tab _merge
```

```
* _merge=2 for 7095 cases; these are households that have no children under 5; drop them
```

```
drop if _merge==2
```

```
drop _merge
```

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Subject: Re: Confirming the correctness of merging two datasets

Posted by [gebretsh@gmail.com](mailto:gebretsh@gmail.com) on Tue, 06 Dec 2022 09:21:21 GMT

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Thanks so much

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