
Subject: Male Recode and HH Member Recode
Posted by [sarsons](#) on Mon, 30 Jun 2014 17:44:12 GMT
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Hi everyone,

I am trying to merge the male recode and household member files. I am sorting and merging on cluster (mv001/hv001) and household number (mv002/hv002). The cluster number for the male recode is only 1 digit while it is 4 digits in the household member dataset. I thought that the household cluster number was 1000+mv001, but it doesn't look like that's the case. Can anyone shed some light on how to merge these two files?

Thanks!

Subject: Re: Male Recode and HH Member Recode
Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Mon, 30 Jun 2014 17:55:10 GMT
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Looks like you are missing the line number. There are several discussions on the user forum re merging DHS datasets. Please see one such discussion at:

http://userforum.dhsprogram.com/index.php?t=msg&th=1342& amp; goto=2365&S=8121847911c49a4f9fd2a7730e60aaa3#msg_2365

Subject: Re: Male Recode and HH Member Recode
Posted by [sarsons](#) on Mon, 30 Jun 2014 17:59:40 GMT
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Hi Bridgette,

Thanks so much for your quick response! I am merging on the variables listed in the table you linked to but the problem is that mv001 and hv001 don't actually match up. one of them is 4 digits while the other is 1 and I can't find a reference explaining what is going on there. Any thoughts?

Thanks again

Subject: Re: Male Recode and HH Member Recode
Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Mon, 30 Jun 2014 18:28:55 GMT
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I checked NGMR52FL.SAV & NGPR52FL.SAV - and in both data files, cluster (MV001/HV001) is 8 digits. You should be able to merge without any problems.

Thanks,
Bridgette
