
Subject: Creating a household level variable
Posted by [Mercysh](#) on Wed, 19 Nov 2014 17:15:23 GMT
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I am trying to generate a variable household composition using ages of household members (hv105) in households in which at least a member is aged 0-19 years. The categories should be adult presence (ages 20-59), older adult (ages 60 and over) and children-adolescents only (0-19 years). In multigenerational households the order of precedence should be the same as above. I have the following code but it does not seem to work:

I use the Lesotho 2009 (LSPR60FL.DTA) household dataset and keep only if hv105>=97 & hv102==1

```
sort hhid
egen hhrestrict=tag(hhid)
```

```
*Create Adolescents
gen adolescents =
replace adolescents =1 if hv105 <=15 & hv105>=17
```

```
*Households with adolescent member
egen hhadolescents = max(adolescents), by (hhid)
tab hhadolescents if hhrestrict==1
```

```
**Household composition
gen household_composition=.
replace household_composition =1 if(hv105 >=20 & hv105 <=59) & hhadolescents ==1 &
hhrestrict ==1
replace household_composition =2 if hv105 >=60 & hhadolescents ==1 & hhrestrict ==1
replace household_composition =3 if hv105 <=19 & hhadolescents ==1 & hhrestrict ==1
```

I merge with the (LSIR60FL.DTA) individual dataset after restricting to if v502==0, v012 <=17, v135==1, v531 >=90 and is still fine, the first output is

```
. tab household_composition
```

Household composition	Freq.	Percent	Cum.
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Adult	683	65.74	65.74
Older adult	263	25.31	91.05
Child-adolescents only	93	8.95	100.00
-----+-----			
Total	1,039	100.00	

and only a problem when I add the svy command here:

svy: tab household_composition and gives the following output:

```
Number of strata = 19          Number of obs   = 63
Number of PSUs   = 53          Population size  = 62.20275
Design df        = 34
```

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Household |  
compositi |  
on        | proportions  
-----+-----  
Child-ad  |      1  
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```

Key: proportions = cell proportions

I have already svyset
generate weight= v005/1000000
svyset [pw=weight], psu(hv021) strata(hv023)

Please advise

Thank you

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Posted by [Trevor-DHS](#) on Thu, 20 Nov 2014 05:02:45 GMT
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It looks to me that you have < and > reversed in a couple of cases:

- 1) In your keep condition, if hv105>=97 & hv102==1 probably should be if hv105<=97 & hv102==1
- 2) replace adolescents =1 if hv105 <=15 & hv105>=17
should be
replace adolescents =1 if hv105>=15 & hv105<=17

I'm not quite following your code, but if I understand it correctly then here is how I would create the household variable:
use "LSPR60FL.DTA"

* Recode age into the relevant age groups
recode hv105 (20/59=1)(60/97=2)(0/19=3) if hv105<=97 & hv102==1,
gen(household_composition)

* Collapse and use the minimum value for each household
collapse (min) household_composition, by(hhid)
lab def hh_comp 1 "adult presence (ages 20-59)" 2 "older adult (ages 60 and over)" 3
"children-adolescents only (0-19 years)"
lab val household_composition hh_comp

```
* Save this variable for merging
keep hhid household_composition
sort hhid
save "hh_comp.dta"
```

```
* Open women's data file
use "LSIR60FL.DTA", clear
* generate hhid from caseid by dropping the last three characters for the line number
gen hhid = substr(caseid,1,length(caseid)-3)
sort hhid
* merge the data - many women to one household
merge m:1 hhid using "hh_comp.dta"
* drop households without interviewed women
drop if _merge==2
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* tabulate to check. Note some cases are missing due to households with no de jure members or
ages all don't know or missing
tab household_composition,m
```

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Its my first time to use collapse, instead I was using tag which did not work. Thank you for your help.
