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Subject: Creating a household level variable  
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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

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sort hhid
egen hhrestrict=tag(hhid)
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*Create Adolescents
gen adolescents =.
replace adolescents =1 if hv105 <=15 & hv105>=17
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*Households with adolescent member
egen hhadolescents = max(adolescents), by (hhid)
tab hhadolescents if hhrestrict==1
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**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
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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

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. tab household_composition
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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
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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
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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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Subject: Re: Creating a household level variable  
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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

\* 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.

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