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Subject: How to merge just a few variables from Household to Child Recode dataset  
Posted by [nstroupe](#) on Wed, 22 Apr 2015 22:47:15 GMT

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I would like data from only a few variables in the Household dataset to be included in the Child Recode dataset I've been working in. For example, I would like HV237 and HV239, which are not included in the Child Recode. I've read several posts in the Merge discussion forum and in STATA help, but it is unclear if you can simply select certain variables to be merged without merging the whole set. Any advice would be much appreciated.

Nancy

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Subject: Re: How to merge just a few variables from Household to Child Recode dataset

Posted by [Reduced-For\(u\)m](#) on Thu, 23 Apr 2015 00:18:14 GMT

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Yes - you can merge whatever variables you do/don't want. Just open the household recode, "keep" the variables you want there (and the variables for merging), and then merge that into the child recode (1:m since there can be multiple children in a single household). You could save the trimmed household file as an intermediate step if you want, but you don't have to, you can just directly merge it after dropping the unneeded variables.

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