
Subject: matching periodic data on same individual over several DHS periods

Posted by [DHS user](#) on Mon, 11 Jan 2016 13:47:48 GMT

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Is it possible to match several DHS datasets for individuals and for households as shown below? I mean is it possible to match for the same household or individual their data for DHS2000, DHS2005 and DHS2010 in order to study trends? For example, if I am interested in the changes within the same individual over a 15 year period?

File Attachments

1) [matching.jpg](#), downloaded 605 times

Subject: Re: matching periodic data on same individual over several DHS periods

Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Mon, 11 Jan 2016 13:49:35 GMT

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Following is a response from Senior DHS Stata Specialist, Tom Pullum:

The samples are completely different in successive surveys. It has probably never happened that an individual or a household has appeared in more than one DHS survey. The kind of linkage you describe is not possible.
