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Subject: Variables missed after appending two de-normalized DHS datasets

Posted by [AmsP](#) on Tue, 26 Apr 2016 19:32:04 GMT

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Hello,

I need to de-normalize and then append two DHS datasets (e.g. BOIR31 and BOIR41). I first generate a new variable  $dv005 = v005 * (\text{number of women aged 15-49 of the country in the survey year}) / (\text{number of women in this survey})$  in the two datasets, respectively. Then I append BOIR41 into BOIR31 (so BOIR31 is the basis). But after appending, all values of dv005 in BOIR41 become ".", while values of dv005 in BOIR31 are correct.

I tried several other datasets, but I always faced this problem.

Thank you very much!

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Subject: Re: Variables missed after appending two de-normalized DHS datasets

Posted by [Reduced-For\(u\)m](#) on Tue, 26 Apr 2016 21:20:28 GMT

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Is this an append or a merge? If you are appending, the only thing I can think of is that you are not creating the same variable "type" in both datasets. If you put some actual code up (not too much, just the relevant parts) I might see something, but it seems like either you are mixing two different types of variables (one maybe is a string and the other a number) or appending in some funny way.

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Subject: Re: Variables missed after appending two de-normalized DHS datasets

Posted by [AmsP](#) on Thu, 28 Apr 2016 09:46:16 GMT

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Thank you! It is appending. I tried it again today with the same method as before, but all the de-normalized weights after appending are correctly shown. I do not know why..... The default type is float.

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