
Subject: combining three files into one file
Posted by [Agbor](#) on Wed, 30 Nov 2016 13:17:54 GMT
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Hi all,

Please I will like your help. I am working with the cameroon DHS women Survey for the years 1998, 2004 and 2011. I would like to put all the three survey into one file for analysis in stata
Please can someone help me on how to go about this?

Thank you for your help in advance

Subject: Re: combining three files into one file
Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Tue, 03 Jan 2017 21:08:53 GMT
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Following is a response from Senior DHS Stata Specialist, Tom Pullum:

You have to be careful what you do with a combined file. It will not refer to a well-defined population. But if you insist on doing this, you should first reduce each file to the variables you want. Then open one of them; add the second with "append using...."; then add the third with "append using....." You can distinguish between the surveys with v001 or v007 or you can add some other identifier such as "survey" that is 1 for the first survey, 2 for the second survey, and 3 for the third survey.
