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Subject: Stata Datasets

Posted by [memon\\_suma@yahoo.com](mailto:memon_suma@yahoo.com) on Thu, 19 Apr 2018 06:46:21 GMT

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Hi.

I am very new to DHS data sets and have no idea where to start.

My research topic is "Does women empowerment affect the nutritional status of children?" I have made a list of variables that I want, but am clueless about how do I start. I assume I'll have to use IR file for women empowerment because women will be the unit of analysis there, and KR file for children nutritional status since children will be the unit of analysis. Similarly, I'll also have to control for household characteristics in my regression, for that I'll need to merge it with HR file. A little starting guidance will be highly appreciated by this freshie.

Thanks.

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Subject: Re: Stata Datasets

Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Wed, 25 Apr 2018 16:30:36 GMT

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Following is a response from DHS Senior Research Associate, Wenjuan Wang:

The unit of analysis for your research is children under five. You may not need to merge the KR and IR files since a lot of women's variables and household variables are already included in the KR file. But you can check. If you'd like to merge the files, here is some guidance on how to merge DHS datasets: <https://www.dhsprogram.com/data/Merging-Datasets.cfm>.

DHS Fellows from Kenya studied a similar topic. I attached here their working paper in case it is helpful: <https://www.dhsprogram.com/publications/publication-wp126-working-papers.cfm>

Also if you are not familiar with DHS data files, it can be useful to watch some DHS data use tutorials, for example,

Part I: Registering for DHS Datasets: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KBKpudtrv4E>

Part II: Downloading DHS Datasets: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NwSN95Skbql>

Part III: Opening DHS Datasets in STATA, SPSS, and SAS:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=neIMrOd1kkM>

Please let us know if you have other questions.

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Subject: Re: Stata Datasets

Posted by [memon\\_suma@yahoo.com](mailto:memon_suma@yahoo.com) on Wed, 25 Apr 2018 18:03:48 GMT

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Thanks a ton, Wenjuan.

In meantime, I was able to figure out that I will not be needing to merge any files and my entire

analysis will be on KR file.

Actually, I have seen these videos and I also have all the data with me and I have made some attempts to use it in Stata. But I am just so confused about where to start. I would highly acknowledge if I get a sample .do file, no matter what topic, but for my idea. And thanks again for the working paper. It is a great resource since journal articles are not that elaborate.

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Subject: Re: Stata Datasets

Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Thu, 26 Apr 2018 14:31:30 GMT

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Following is another response from DHS Senior Research Associate, Wenjuan Wang:

Attached is an example do file that we used for the DHS Fellows. It demonstrates step-by-step how to open a Stata do file, recode variables, and run a basic regression model. You will see many comments explaining the steps

Hope this will help.

Wenjuan

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#### File Attachments

1) [Stata do file example.do](#), downloaded 970 times

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Subject: Re: Stata Datasets

Posted by [memon\\_suma@yahoo.com](#) on Fri, 27 Apr 2018 18:26:10 GMT

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Thank you so much.

The .do file serves the purpose. I hope I'll be able to start my work now.

Thanks again.

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Subject: Re: Stata Datasets

Posted by [dnameispaone](#) on Mon, 25 Mar 2019 20:22:01 GMT

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Hi,

The do file you shared was very useful. Do you have any do file for anthropometric parameters?

Once again thank you very much for sharing the file.

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Subject: Re: Stata Datasets

Posted by [amnanasirzaman](#) on Fri, 10 Jul 2020 12:00:27 GMT

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How do I view the data of questionnaires in stata? Does every question number indicates the data under that code in stata?

I'm confused.

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