
Subject: Family Size

Posted by [sabuj46](#) on Sun, 23 Dec 2018 06:59:15 GMT

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How can I calculate Family size/ total number of family members from BDHS 2014?

Subject: Re: Family Size

Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Tue, 08 Jan 2019 14:06:36 GMT

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

The number of household members is given in the PR file as hv009. You can match hv009 in Stata with the following two lines, for example:

```
gen n_hh=1  
collapse (sum) n_hh, by(hv001 hv002)
```

If you are making a distinction between a household and a family, then you have to have a definition of a family, perhaps based on the relation to head code, hv101. To include the head, spouse of head, and children, for example, you could use

```
gen n_fam=1 if hv101==1 | hv101==2 | hv101==3  
collapse (sum) n_fam, by(hv001 hv002)
```

I am not advocating this definition, but it illustrates how you could proceed.
