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Subject: Orphan non-orphan school attendance ratio  
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I need help with a code for generating orphan to non-orphan school attendance ratio at regional level using the 2015 Malawi DHS. I have the following code but I am stuck in the process:

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gen orphan_age = hv105 >=10 & hv105 <=14
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gen school_attendance = hv121 ==2
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gen orphaned_m = hv111 ==0 & orphan_age==1  
gen orphaned_f = hv113 ==0 & orphan_age==1
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gen livingwith_mother = hv112 >= 1 & hv112 <=19  
gen livingwith_father = hv114 >= 1 & hv114 <=16
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```
gen nonorphanlivingparent = ((orphaned_m ==0 & livingwith_mother ==1) | (orphaned_f==0 &  
livingwith_father ==1))
```

```
egen Total1 = total((orphaned_m ==1 | orphaned_f ==1) & school_attendance ==1)  
egen Total2 = total(nonorphanlivingparent ==1 & school_attendance ==1)
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gen ratio = Total1/Total2
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egen tag = tag(District)
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I do not want to collapse because I have variables at a level different from region

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Subject: Re: Orphan non-orphan school attendance ratio  
Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Thu, 28 Mar 2019 11:48:33 GMT  
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Here's a response from Senior DHS Stata Specialist, Tom Pullum:

Your style for writing code in Stata is very strange to me. You are constructing a set of binary variables, then adding and then dividing. It's possible that this would get you to the right answer but it's not efficient and I don't see how you could incorporate weights. Are you trying to match a table in the report on this survey? If so, which table? Let us know and we will try to help.

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