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Subject: importing data to PSSP which is similar to SPSS  
Posted by [Mariela Contreras](#) on Mon, 30 Sep 2019 20:39:23 GMT  
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Dear all,

We are analyzing data on intimate partner violence and child nutrition using the Honduras DHS 2011-12. I am having issues importing the dataset to PSSP which is a similar statistical program to SPSS. I imported the dataset file .dat and converted it to Excel CSV. However once I imported it to PSSP there are no column headers of the variables and I am unable to recognize the variables. Is there another better way to import the data? Would it be better to import the data to R?

Thank you for your support.

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Posted by [Trevor-DHS](#) on Wed, 02 Oct 2019 09:41:51 GMT  
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If you convert to Excel, then yes, you will lose the labels. I haven't used PSPP for some time, but I believe that you can use the .SPS commands found in the flat ASCII format download file to import the data. You should then have a file in memory with the labels. Saving the file as an Excel CSV file you will then lose the labels. Instead, I suggest saving the file as a system file.

Alternatively, I believe that PSPP can read the .sav files directly, so you should be able to download the SPSS files (SV) directly, and these files include all of the labels.

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Thank you very much for your response Trevor. I downloaded the SPSS files directly and now I am able to see the variable labels. I have another question. If I save my files as a system file, is it possible to import these files to R to be able to run the analyses with this statistical program?

Thank you for your support.

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See the read.spss package in R

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Thank you for the information.

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