
Subject: Merging variables from original DHS with IPUMS DHS

Posted by [Maemae93](#) on Tue, 31 Mar 2020 13:32:14 GMT

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Hello,

I am using the women's sample for Egypt downloaded from IPUMS-DHS. I am trying to merge variables from the original DHS to my IPUMS DHS data. I am using the caseid variable, however, I keep getting this error on Stata: "variable caseid does not uniquely identify observations in the master data". Can you please advice on the correct way to merge these variables in?

Thank you.

Subject: Re: Merging variables from original DHS with IPUMS DHS

Posted by [Maemae93](#) on Tue, 31 Mar 2020 15:20:03 GMT

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I realise I have made a mistake and created the unique identifier IDHSPID. However, after trying to merge using the following code on Stata:

```
gen sample = string(81805)
```

```
gen str idhspid = sample + caseid
```

In master file:

```
merge 1:1 idhspid using "original DHS data"
```

I get the following, where the observations are not matched

Result	# of obs.

not matched	126,364
from master	106,890 (_merge==1)
from using	19,474 (_merge==2)
matched	0 (_merge==3)

Subject: Re: Merging variables from original DHS with IPUMS DHS

Posted by [boyle014](#) on Thu, 10 Jun 2021 22:49:52 GMT

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Dear Maemae93,

You should not have to add into IPUMS DHS any additional variables from the original DHS files. If a sample is in IPUMS DHS, our team has incorporated virtually all of its variables. If you could provide an example of a variable that you are trying to add, that would help to answer your question more specifically.

Apologies that this response is probably too late to be useful to you. I hope it will be valuable for others with similar questions.
