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 IPUM-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.