NATIONAL DATA ARCHIVE

Stata Merge Instructions
Based on SPSS version 13.0

The purpose of these instructions is to merge data files. The instructions were written for User's of the NSCAW dataset, however, the program syntax below can be modified for use with other datasets.

Start the Stata program.

Copy the follow stata commands into the "**Stata Command**" box.

```
use "C:\NSCAWt1w3\Output\CPS_T1\filename1.dta"
sort caseid
save "C:\NSCAWt1w3\Output\CPS_T1\filename1.dta", replace
```

Replace this path and file name with the path and file name of the master file (the one you plan to merge data to). The commands (use, sort, save) will instruct Stata to sort (by caseid) and save the master file.

```
use "C:\NSCAWt1w3\Output\CPS_T1\filename2.dta"
sort caseid
save "C:\NSCAWt1w3\Output\CPS_T1\filename2.dta", replace
```

Replace this path and file name with the path and file name of the file that you want merge into the master file. The commands (use, sort, save) will instruct Stata to sort (by caseid) and save the file.

```
merge caseid using "C:\NSCAWt1w3\Output\CPS_T1\filename1.dta"
```

Place the path and filename of the master file here.

```
save "C:\NSCAWt1w3\Output\CPS_T1\finalfilename.dta", replace
```

Place the path and new filename for the newly merged file here.