

## Group X not in level-y file

### Description

A warning message is written to the DOS box when the values of the ID variables used in the data files for the different levels of the hierarchy do not correspond. It identifies the value for which a match could not be found in the ID variable field in the other data file(s). The absence of a unit will also be apparent from the descriptive statistics in either the DOS box or the default \*.sts file, where the number of units used will be less than anticipated. A list of such units is also printed to the \*.sts file, which may be accessed using the **Check Stats** button in the **Make SSM/MDM** dialog box.

### Solution

Frequency tables of the ID codes used in the different data files can be used to verify that all ID codes are present in all files. Also check that the ID variables have exactly the same format across all data files.