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Subject: Calculating asset inequality indices

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I'm interested in calculating asset inequality indices with the DHS, and am writing regarding the interpretation of the wealth factor scores (not the five-category wealth index). I wanted to confirm that this variable can be interpreted as the level of assets that a household possess (i.e. a household that scores a 1.20 has 20% more assets than one that scores a 1.0)? I also wanted to inquire as to whether (a) these factor scores took into account household size and (b) if different factor analyses were run for each year (ie. a separate factor analysis for 2005 and 2011), or if the assets were weighted the same across time?

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