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Subject: Re: similar variable

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Following is a response from Senior DHS Stata Specialist, Tom Pullum:

Yes, those two BMI variables are the same. The height and weight measurements for women and children are taken during the household survey. The anthropometry indicators are therefore in the HR and PR files, but for convenience they are also in the IR file. The values for children are also in the KR file.

hv270 gives the wealth quintiles, with 1 for lowest and 5 for highest. hv271 is the continuous wealth index. The wealth quintiles are constructed from hv271 by identifying 4 cut points or values such that an equal number of weighted de jure household members are in each quintile. For most purposes you will only use hv270. But if, say, you wanted to construct terciles (three equal sized categories), you could do that using hv271.

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