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Subject: Re: Comparability of tobacco prevalence between NFHS 2 & 3

Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Wed, 24 Aug 2016 13:28:07 GMT

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Another response from Tom Pullum:

If you proceed as you describe--restricting to ages 15-49 and using the weights--then you will be able to make direct comparisons of smoking rates at the dates of the NFHS2 and 3. However, I would not say that these would be estimates of "the population at large". First, the age restriction limits you to the population 15-49, and that should be made clear in your analysis. Second, you are limited to the population living in households. People living in prisons, military bases, religious communities, etc., are not included. That's a small percentage of the total population but such people may well differ from the people living in households, in terms of their tobacco use. You can extend your comparisons to various subpopulations, as well--for example, age groups, men and women, urban and rural, etc.

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