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Subject: Re: Dropping observations

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Thanks Bridgette. Yes, I got that much that I have to use weights with the survey command before any analysis. There is a recent paper by Woolrdidge by the title "What are we weighting for" in which the authors also mention exceptions for not using weights in regressions. The best way they say is to mention both the results, weighted as well as unweighted so that the reader can judge the difference in estimates.

What I don't understand though is that what is the difference between number of observations and population size. For example, when i run the svy command, i get number of observations and also the population size and both values are different. Am I to anlyze descriptives using observation size or population size?

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