

---

Subject: Re: Linking Haiti DHS surveys at the commune level  
Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Tue, 14 Mar 2017 13:57:12 GMT  
[View Forum Message](#) <> [Reply to Message](#)

---

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

The commune is the third-level administrative unit in Haiti (level 1 is a department and level 2 is an arrondissement). At present, Haiti has 145 communes. Most of the units at this level include only one or two clusters (hv001 or hv021) and many communes are not represented at all in DHS surveys. The sample was not intended to be representative at that level. We do not have the names or labels of the communes that DO appear in each sample, which would be needed for them to be linked across surveys. That's unfortunate for your purposes. You can link the departments (hv024 or v024) in each survey but not the level 2 or level 3 units.

---