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Subject: Re: Geographical units and sampling  
Posted by [Liz-DHS](#) on Sun, 26 Jan 2014 15:08:58 GMT  
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Dear User,  
Here is a response from one of our experts, Fred Arnold:

It's correct that the districts can be identified for NFHS-1 and NFHS-2, but the districts were not identified in NFHS-3. All three NFHS surveys are representative at the national and state level. The samples are not designed to be representative at the district level. It is not recommended that descriptive statistics be calculated at the district level. The PSUs are not identified in any of the NFHS surveys. The sample for each PSU is representative of the PSU, but there are too few households in any PSU to produce reliable statistics at that level. However, if you are doing a multi-level analysis, you could use PSU averages in the analysis.

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