
Subject: Re: Guatemala 2015-2016 sample strata variable
Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Tue, 09 May 2017 14:10:22 GMT
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Following is a response from DHS Senior Sampling Specialist, Mahmoud Elkasabi:

As documented in both surveys reports, departments by urban/rural were used for stratification. The difference between the two surveys is related to a recent change in variables V022 and V023.

In the 1998 GDHS, V022 was reserved for the sampling strata, and V023 was reserved for the sample domain, which is the departments.

In the 2014-15 GDHS, V022 is reserved for the sample strata that was used for sampling error estimation, which is the same as the sampling design strata, V023. Another country specific variable is used for the sample domains or the departments, variable "shdepto".
