Subject: Weights for survey-specific tabulations with pooled data Posted by cgreenba on Mon, 30 Oct 2017 14:56:38 GMT

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Hello,

I have pooled DHS surveys from over 30 countries, looking at 2 or 3 surveys per/country. I am interested in looking at family planning and unmet need indicators by wealth quintile for each survey. I am not planning on running any regressions or analysis that would look at the pooled data, but am instead just interested in looking at tabulations for each survey. Given this analysis, can I use the normalized weights (v005/1000000) or do I need to de-normalize the weights based on each survey? Also, if I am just looking at the data for each survey separately, do I still need to change the PSU and strata variables when I use svyset? And finally, does anyone have tips on using bysort or by options with the svy command? I want to repeat the same tabulation for each survey, but have having trouble doing this efficiently with the svy command. Any help would be greatly appreciated! Thank you so much!

Best, Charlotte G