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Subject: Re: What is the definition of "Major cities" for v103?

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You might consider using the new contextual variable on population density in IPUMS-DHS as an alternative measure of urbanization.

[https://www.idhsdata.org/idhs-action/variables/POPDENSITY#description\\_section](https://www.idhsdata.org/idhs-action/variables/POPDENSITY#description_section)

While countries vary in their definition of urban status, this population density measure is consistent across samples and lends itself to more categories than the dichotomous URBAN/RURAL variable in the DHS.

You can access IPUMS-DHS at [idhsdata.org](http://idhsdata.org) and can make a customized data file with the variables and samples you want, including this population density variable, if you log in with your regular DHS user email and password.

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