

---

Subject: Re: HV026 size of community  
Posted by [kingx025](#) on Sun, 22 Apr 2018 03:31:19 GMT  
[View Forum Message](#) <> [Reply to Message](#)

---

An alternative variable that you could use for samples from 2000 forward (for samples with public GPS data) is the contextual variable on population density included in IPUMS-DHS (available at [idhsdata.org](https://www.idhsdata.org))

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

This variable allows you to set your own uniform standard for what level of population density qualifies as urban.

Alternatively, you could use the DHS's dichotomous URBAN/RURAL variable (V025), which appears to be more consistently available across samples.

Miriam King

---