
Subject: Re: Stratum variable for Nigeria 2013
Posted by [Imallick](#) on Mon, 10 Feb 2020 14:42:00 GMT
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Dear Laura,

Thank you for your question. While mv023 (or v023 or hv023) is typically the variable you should use, this can vary from survey to survey. Often in the dataset mv023 and v022 are the same. In this case, it is OK to use either variable. Regardless, it is always advisable to review Appendix A or B to ensure that the strata variable you are using reflects the sample design. The Nigeria 2013 survey was a 3-stage sample design and both mv022 and mv023 reflect this, so either is fine.

Here is another user forum post with a few examples of different scenarios in different surveys:
<https://userforum.dhsprogram.com/index.php?t=msg&goto=11771&S=Google>

-Lindsay