
Subject: Re: hw70 and hw71 pre-WHO standards
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You can find the WHO standard z-scores in the Height and Weight Scores (HW) files (see https://www.dhsprogram.com/data/dataset/Zimbabwe_Standard-DH_S_1999.cfm for an example). There is a document included in the zipped HW files that explains how to combine them with the other datasets from the survey.

I should, though, point out that the standard analysis of anthropometry data conducted by DHS is performed using the HC variables (HC70, HC71, HC72) from the PR file, and not the HW variables in the KR or BR files. There may be good reason for you to use the KR or BR file in your analysis, but I wanted to let you know. You can find more details about how DHS calculates anthropometry indicators in the Guide to DHS Statistics by searching for Nutritional Status.
