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Subject: Districts as cluster-level for multi-level model  
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Hello,

I will appreciate your expert guidance on my query. We usually use 'psu' as the cluster level in DHS data. In my case, the group size is too small if I use 'psu'.

Group Variable	#Groups	Minimum	Average	Maximum
psu	25,063	1	3.1	16

Since NFHS-4 is representative at the district level and we have to anyway create a variable for the cluster-weight, I am wondering if it is possible to use district as the cluster-level. I tried changing my weighting command for psu to district but as you can see in the output, I don't get the p-values and CIs.

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*Rescaling of weights
gen wt=v005/1000000
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*Level 1 weights using scaling method 1: New weights sum to district sample size
gen sqw = wt*wt
egen sumsqw = sum(sqw), by(sdistri)
egen sumw = sum(wt), by(sdistri)
gen pwt11 = wt*sumw/sumsqw
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* Survey setting
gen wt2=1
svyset sdistri, weight(wt2) strata(v023) , singleunit(centered) || _n, weight(pwt11)
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*Output
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Number of strata =	2,509	Number of obs =	1,538,126
Number of PSUs =	2,509	Population size =	1,438,715
Subpop. no. obs =	78,446		
Subpop. size =	73,653.12		
Design df =	0		
F( 0, 0) =	.		
Prob > F =	.		

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Linearized
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y	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P>t	[95% Conf. Interval]
_cons	-1.585093	.0192937	-82.16	.	.

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sdistri
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var(_cons)	.1527032	.0153514	.	.
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Note: 5 strata omitted because they contain no subpopulation members.

Note: Strata with single sampling unit centered at overall mean.

I am not sure what is going wrong and will appreciate any understanding.

Thank you

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