Subject: Districts as cluster-level for multi-level model Posted by dgodha on Sun, 23 Feb 2020 10:28:13 GMT

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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'.

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

*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)

*Output

Number of obs Number of strata = 2.509 = 1,538,126Number of PSUs 2,509 Population size = 1,438,715= Subpop. no. obs = 78,446 Subpop. size = 73,653.12Design df 0 = F(0, 0) Prob > F

Linearized

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