

---

Subject: Re: Stunting and wasting across countries and years  
Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Fri, 10 Jul 2020 12:47:19 GMT  
[View Forum Message](#) <> [Reply to Message](#)

---

Following is a response from DHS Research & Data Analysis Director, Tom Pullum:

The WHO standard used to construct hw70-hw72 was established in 2006. For earlier surveys you have two options. First, you could use the earlier standard, for which the corresponding variables are hw5 hw8, and hw11. I would discourage that because the earlier standard was tilted toward U.S. children and you will get a discontinuity. Second, and better, you can look for HW files for earlier surveys. Those files include hw70-hw72 and information to merge with the other files. Let us know if you have difficulty locating those HW files.

---