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Subject: Re: Total number households reported vs v002  
Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Tue, 20 Oct 2020 13:03:52 GMT  
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Following is another response from DHS Research & Data Analysis Director, Tom Pullum:

The clusters are enumeration areas from the latest census, sampled with probability proportional to size. If a census occurs between two surveys, the sampling frame is updated. There is no correspondence between the cluster numbers in a DHS survey and the numbering system for the enumeration areas in the sampling frame, or between the clusters numbers in two successive surveys (except for the continuous surveys in Peru and Senegal). There is no way to know whether a specific enumeration area has appeared in two DHS surveys, but it is believed that the chance of this is extremely small. The chance that the same household would appear in two DHS surveys is much smaller than that. You can safely consider two successive surveys to be statistically independent.

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