
Subject: What are weights correcting for?

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Hello,

I am working on a project that is using weights provided in the individual-level surveys. In reading the documentation, our understanding is that the individual weights essentially upweight individuals interviewed in strata where strata, household, and individual response rates are low.

We have observed (and this is mentioned as well in the documentation) that response rates seem to differ for different groups such as age and education. While these weights adjust for average response rates of all people in a given strata, it does not appear to us that they adjust differentially for people of different age or education levels. Is our understanding correct?

Thank you for the clarification and help.

Regards,
Sylvan
