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Subject: Re: Young Adult Reproductive Health Survey  
Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Fri, 23 Apr 2021 11:52:48 GMT  
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Following is a response from DHS Research & Data Analysis Director, Tom Pullum:

The main purpose of the weight variable is to produce unbiased estimates that are adjusted for the sample design. Usually the smaller strata are over-sampled (so they have weights <1) )and the larger strata are under-sampled (and have weights>1). On the average the weight (after dividing by 1 million) is 1.

Sometimes the weighted number will be larger than the unweighted number and sometimes it will be smaller. It just depends on how your cases for a particular outcome are distributed across the strata. So I don't think you have a problem.

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