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Subject: Re: Construction of wealth quintiles

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Following is a response from Senior DHS staff member, Tom Pullum:

I recommend that you not adjust the wealth quintiles--that will just confuse users. And there is no need for an adjustment based on household size. The information used for the wealth index is household-level, but the quintiles are constructed such that one-fifth of the household population (individuals, not households, as units) is in each quintile. The number of households is not exactly the same in each quintile, mainly because the poorest households tend to have more members. So long as your analysis says how the quintiles are defined, it shouldn't matter whether your units are households or individuals. At least that's how I see it.