

---

Subject: Creating maps with DHS spatial data?

Posted by [santi1984](#) on Fri, 28 Apr 2023 13:41:50 GMT

[View Forum Message](#) <> [Reply to Message](#)

---

Hello!

I'm sorry if this has been asked and answered in another place and I didn't see it.

I'd like to create a map showing DHS clusters in a country that I'm studying in a project of mine. It would be similar to the this one: <https://dhsprogram.com/data/visualizations/Harminder-Guliani.cfm>

I'm wondering if this would be a violation of DHS data confidentiality. It is conceivable that a knowledgeable user of GIS software could use a map like this to derive the locations of certain DHS cluster location information. It wouldn't be very useful to whoever did this, but it would technically reveal some coordinates of clusters that only the researcher who applied for the use of the data should be able to know. Other researchers have clearly done it, but I'm not sure if they got special permission. I'm just trying to stay on the right side of the DHS data use policy.

Thanks for any help!

---