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Subject: Re: Kenya DHS weights

Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Tue, 31 Oct 2023 14:56:40 GMT

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

The weight includes a factor of 1 million just to get rid of the decimal point. The mean of hv005 (ignoring that factor) in the HR file, with households as units, is 1.

You should always use weights to get unbiased estimates of means, proportions, percentages, ratios, rates, etc. You are using the correct formula.

The frequencies in the sample, unweighted or weighted, are not important--as I said, it's the means, etc., that are important, and you are ok with them.