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Subject: Re: NFHS-5 data from STATA not matching the factsheets

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

In general, you should always adjust for weights, one way or another, in order to get unbiased estimates of population values. Adjustments for clusters and strata are only relevant for the calculation of standard errors, which are used for confidence intervals or statistical tests. I'm sure that many users include the full svyset adjustments even when they are not producing confidence intervals or test statistics, and it's ok to do that. In general, just as a matter of principle, I prefer simplicity over complexity and I don't like to include options that are not needed. I'll admit that's somewhat retro, in a world that is increasingly complex!