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Subject: Re: Confusion re: "Numbers in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases"

Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Fri, 05 Sep 2014 18:42:00 GMT

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Following is a response from Senior Data processing Specialist, Ladys Ortiz:

I'm assuming that you are confused, because you don't quite understand the concept of "weighted" and "unweighted" cases. The Guide to DHS Statistics, states that: "Sampling weights are adjustment factors applied to each case in tabulations to adjust for differences in probability of selection and interview between cases in a sample, either due to design or happenstance".

The table you are analyzing is definitely correct. The estimate for "age in months: <6" is in parentheses because it's based on 48 cases UNWEIGHTED/51 cases weighted. The estimate for the "Division: Barisal", is not in parentheses because it is based on 63 cases UNWEIGHTED/33 weighted.

Please note that we do not generally include unweighted cases in the DHS reports.

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