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Subject: Re: HR Files

Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Thu, 25 Apr 2024 11:41:31 GMT

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Following is a response from Senior DHS Stata Specialist, Tom Pullum:

Very sorry, but this request goes way beyond the level of support that DHS staff can provide on the user forum. We have a GIS team, and they are familiar with ArcGIS, of course, but they are too busy with survey work. The analysis team does not use ArcGIS.

I hope you have looked at the DHS Spatial Analysis Reports. Here is a link to one that may be relevant: <https://www.dhsprogram.com/pubs/pdf/SAR21/SAR21.pdf>. Here is the most recent one: <https://www.dhsprogram.com/pubs/pdf/SAR23/SAR23.pdf>. I also hope you have looked at the final report on the Kenya survey you are using. National and admin level 1 estimates are included there. In fact, this Kenya report has many more tables with county level estimates than is typical. We would not recommend going below that level without the kind of spatial smoothing that you probably want to do.

All DHS estimates should be weighted with v005 or hv005. You will not get agreement with other published estimates unless you use weights.

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