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Subject: Re: Pakistan DHS from 1990 until 2017  
Posted by [Janet-DHS](#) on Tue, 13 Aug 2024 18:41:12 GMT  
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Following is a response from DHS staff member, Tom Pullum:

Your "raw" numbers appear to be unweighted. The numbers in the reports are weighted. Differences between weighted and unweighted counts are greatest for region (v024) and strata (v023) because the sample design tended to over-sample the smaller regions/strata and under-sample the larger regions/strata. There have been many posts on the use of weights in DHS data.

It is more conventional to reserve the term "raw" for unedited data. DHS does not distribute data that are raw in that sense.

The "missing" responses for height and weight in the two most recent surveys are Not Applicable because of subsampling. In the HR and PR files, hv044 is 1 if the household was selected for the domestic violence module, and 0 otherwise. The selection extended to other topics, including anthropometry. If hv044 (v044 in the IR and KR files) is 0, the anthropometry variables have a dot (.) for Not Applicable or NA. You can confirm this, for example, with the following Stata line in the PR file: `tab "hv044, summarize(hc2) means obs nolabel"`.

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