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Subject: Re: Wealth Index On SES

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

The wealth index is a household-level variable. It is based on household assets and is the same for every individual in the household. The wealth quintile is given by hv270 in the HR and PR files, v190 in the IR and KR files, and mv190 in the MR file. There is also a continuous wealth scale, from which the quintiles are constructed, but it is not generally used. It is hv271 in the HR and PR files, v191 in the IR and KR files, and mv191 in the MR file. These are not alternatives among which you must make a choice. There is only one value of the quintiles or the continuous index for the household. The only difference is in the variable names, which depend on which file you are using.

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