
Subject: Improved water and sanitation variable definitions

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Hello forum! I am looking for urgent clarity on how the DHS defines "improved water" and "improved sanitation", for DHS 5, 6, 7, and 8. I am using the variables hv201 for water, and hv205 for sanitation.

I found the DHS 8 user manual here [https://](https://www.dhsprogram.com/data/Guide-to-DHS-Statistics/index.htm#t=Type_of_Sanitation_Facility.htm)

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[Type_of_Sanitation_Facility.htm](https://www.dhsprogram.com/data/Guide-to-DHS-Statistics/index.htm#t=Type_of_Sanitation_Facility.htm). There are manuals for DHS 4 and 7 here. However, I cannot track down the manuals for 5 and 6. I understand that the definitions have changed across years.

Can someone please help? A huge thanks in advance.
