
Subject: Re: Wealth indices compare to income and consumption measures
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Tue, 08 Apr 2025 10:01:33 GMT

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Janet-DHS wrote on Wed, 28 February 2024 13:58Following is a response from DHS staff member, Tom Pullum:

There has been much discussion of the wealth index on the forum. You can also look here:
<https://www.dhsprogram.com/topics/wealth-index/index.cfm>.

Wealth Index Based on what people own: house type, electricity, car, fridge, phone, etc. It's a composite score often used in surveys like the DHS (Demographic and Health Surveys).

Strengths: Easy to collect; good for long-term well-being comparison. Limitations: Doesn't reflect short-term changes or cash flow.
