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Subject: Re: Comparative Wealth Index

Posted by [Liz-DHS](#) on Thu, 14 Jan 2016 20:47:41 GMT

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Dear User,

A response from Dr. Shea Rutstein,

Quote: Since the DHS Wealth Index has a mean of zero by construction, applying the constant would give a mean of -0.932 for the CWI, not zero! The beta term just expands or reduces the dispersion (equally) so it doesn't change the mean. Has the user reversed the coefficients? Has s/he applied weights (should not for evaluating the mean)? Subset the data?

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