
Subject: Weights for Couple Data NFHS3
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Hi. I am using the couple recode file from NFHS-3. I had two questions:

1. Should weights be used? Even if they are, will that make the sample representative? Or is it not required to use weights as the sample per se is not supposed to be representative of the women and men? Can I do state-wise analysis from the couple data or does it really not say anything per of the state but just about this sample of couples? Is it okay to publish unweighted data mentioning that it doesn't represent the states/country; but then is it advisable to compare states?

2. In case couple weights are to be created, I was able to find only one paper explaining how this can be done from NFHS3 couple data (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4164230/>). If this is the best option, then these probabilities to calculate the weights are available from the authors on request. Or else I could try to replicate it; though I am not a pro in statistical analysis. What do you think is the best thing to do? I am a first year PhD student in Development Sociology and I intend to write some publishable papers with my Advisor using couple data from NFHS-3. I am using Stata.
