
Subject: district level codes NFHS-4 & NFHS-5
Posted by [fabian.r](#) on Mon, 30 May 2022 08:03:46 GMT
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I would like to generate district level aggregates which I would like to compare across the two waves. In turn, I need a mapping of the NFHS-5 district codes into the NFHS-4 district codes. As new district have been generated (most of the time by splitting a single existing one), a direct mapping of the new districts (appearing in 2019) to old ones (appearing in 2015) appears possible. Any help on creating such mapping of districts codes would be helpful!

Subject: Re: district level codes NFHS-4 & NFHS-5
Posted by [fred.arnold@icf.com](#) on Tue, 31 May 2022 14:41:46 GMT
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In NFHS-5, 132 newly created districts (79 in Phase 1 and 53 in Phase 2) were formed since NFHS-4. The 132 new districts in NFHS-5 have district codes 801-932. The 132 newly formed districts in NFHS-5 are not comparable with the NFHS-4 districts even if some of them have the same district name in NFHS-5 and NFHS-4. We recommend limiting your comparison between NFHS-4 and NFHS-5 only to the 575 districts with district codes below 801 in NFHS-5.

Subject: Re: district level codes NFHS-4 & NFHS-5
Posted by [simran.p.singh](#) on Sat, 03 Aug 2024 17:07:16 GMT
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Hello, I was also looking into the same problem, the number districts have increased to 932 in NFHS 5 from 640 in NFHS 4. Just to get things clear, Are you suggesting that I drop the new districts and the old district?

Another thing that is of concern, is that suppose there's district_A, which was split into two parts and now there a new district called district-B and the another part of old district which carried on the name as district-A. Would it be possible to find some resource, using which I can find new districts and figure out the district they split from? Thank you.

Subject: Re: district level codes NFHS-4 & NFHS-5
Posted by [fred.arnold@icf.com](#) on Sat, 03 Aug 2024 17:54:30 GMT
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As indicated in a forum response earlier:

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Subject: Re: district level codes NFHS-4 & NFHS-5

Posted by [MaynarGaskin](#) on Wed, 15 Oct 2025 06:50:21 GMT

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This is a useful question! Mapping NFHS-5 districts to NFHS-4 is tricky, especially with district splits. Has anyone considered a weighted population average for newly formed districts based on the original? It's like finding the island Medallions on Poptropica requires some clever detective work! Good luck!
