
Subject: NFHS-5 District vis a vis 2011 census
Posted by [Kristen Ho](#) on Tue, 19 Dec 2023 16:35:50 GMT
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Hi,

I am using the NFHS-5 women's individual file and want to combine it with data from other sources.

1. Are DHS districts standardized to 2011 census district borders? (I found it to be implied in the report but not explicit)

2. Is there a file matching DHS district names to India gov standardized district codes? Similar to the following hyperlink but for NFHS-5

https://userforum.dhsprogram.com/index.php?t=msg&goto=414&&srch=%22India%22+%22district%22#msg_414

Thank you for the work you do!

Subject: Re: NFHS-5 District vis a vis 2011 census
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Appendix A in Volume 2 of the NFHS-5 national report describes the sample design for NFHS-5. At the time of the 2011 Indian Census, there were only 640 districts in the country. Those are the 640 districts that were used in NFHS-4. The 707 districts in NFHS-5 are the 707 districts in India as on March 1, 2017. Many of the 640 districts in NFHS-4 were bifurcated or otherwise changed by March 1, 2017, so they are not the same as the 2011 Census district borders. Some state borders were also changed between the time of the 2011 Census and NFHS-5.

Districts with district codes 801-932 are not comparable between NFHS-5 and NFHS-4 or the 2011 Census, so it's best if you stick with the district codes 001-640. 575 of the 640 district codes from 001-640 are comparable between NFHS-5 and the 2011 Census. In NFHS-5, 65 districts were affected due to boundary changes and there are 132 newly created districts.
