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Subject: Benin District / Commune id?

Posted by [Kylem133](#) on Thu, 20 Nov 2014 16:38:30 GMT

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Hello,

I'm keen to examine the Beninese statistics based on location (either at the district level or down to the commune level if possible). I'd be really grateful if you can shed any light on my questions below.

2001: (using BJIR41DT in Stata).

There is a variable called 'scommune' which is coded from 0 - 74. Benin has 77 communes (Though in 2001 there might have been just 75 which would explain this). Is there somewhere where I can find a list of how this has been coded and if not, could you provide this? sv101 gives the district/department.

2006: (using BJIR51DT in Stata)

v101 gives the district / department by name coded 1-12 and 'scommum' which is coded from 1-9. Now this fits with what I know of Benin - there are 12 departments and each has a number of communes (but none with more than 9). Is there a list of how each district / commune has been coded?

2011-12: (using BJIR61dt in Stata)

v101 is the same as 2006, but this time I cannot locate a commune level identifier - the departments are merely split up into rural and urban (in v023).

It thus might be the case that comparing datasets over time will only allow me to go as far as the department level (v101) which is fine - however it certainly seems that the info. is there at the commune level, at least for the 2001 and 2006 surveys. If it is also contained in 2011-12, then I must be missing something, but would appreciate help on how to read this.

Thank you in advance for any help or guidance you can provide in understanding the variables I've mentioned!

If you require any additional info, please let me know!

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Subject: Re: Benin District / Commune id?

Posted by [Liz-DHS](#) on Thu, 20 Nov 2014 19:13:29 GMT

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Dear User,

Here is a response from the survey manager, Dr. Soumaila Mariko:

Quote:The country, the National Statistics Office (INSAE) should be the one who knows the identifiers of the geographic areas below the 12 departments. Our geographic variables for DHS needs were the 12 departments, the rural, urban and the Capital City. We did not work with these areas (communes and districts) for the DHS. Those are geographic areas defined and added by the country for their own needs.

The citation page of the final report shows the following email for the Implementing Agency. Fee free to contact them: insae@insae-bj.org

Thank you!

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Subject: Re: Benin District / Commune id?

Posted by [Kylem133](#) on Thu, 20 Nov 2014 21:02:16 GMT

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Thanks very much for your response!

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