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Subject: HV026 size of community  
Posted by [jstrick](#) on Tue, 27 Jun 2017 17:23:48 GMT  
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I am a new user of DHS data and have looked at several DHS6 and DHS7 data sets in sub-saharan African countries, but many are missing information for HV026 in household data and V026 in individual data. Is there another variable that measures the size of the community where the interview was conducted?

Thanks for your help.

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Subject: Re: HV026 size of community  
Posted by [Liz-DHS](#) on Wed, 28 Jun 2017 21:00:53 GMT  
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Dear User,  
Can you please provide at least one example of this so we can research properly? Please provide the dataset you are working with and the survey year.  
Thank you!

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Subject: Re: HV026 size of community  
Posted by [jstrick](#) on Thu, 29 Jun 2017 16:04:29 GMT  
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Yes, for example in Zambia 2013-14 and Tanzania Tanzania 2015-16 the data in HV026 in the household data and V026 in the Individual data are missing. Is there a different variable that has this information about the type of community in which the interview is conducted?

Thanks,  
Jenn

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Subject: Re: HV026 size of community  
Posted by [kingx025](#) on Sun, 22 Apr 2018 03:31:19 GMT  
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An alternative variable that you could use for samples from 2000 forward (for samples with public GPS data) is the contextual variable on population density included in IPUMS-DHS (available at [idhsdata.org](http://idhsdata.org))

[https://www.idhsdata.org/idhs-action/variables/POPDENSITY#description\\_section](https://www.idhsdata.org/idhs-action/variables/POPDENSITY#description_section)

This variable allows you to set your own uniform standard for what level of population density qualifies as urban.

Alternatively, you could use the DHS's dichotomous URBAN/RURAL variable (V025), which appears to be more consistently available across samples.

Miriam King

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