

**Washington State Population Survey**  
**Important User Notes for Weighting 2000 - 2004 Surveys**  
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If you are running analyses on health insurance measures (i.e. cur\_ins, ins\_emp, ins\_mdcr, ins\_own, etc) use the MAAWGT2 measure to weight the data, otherwise use the FNLWGT measure.

Caution: DO NOT RUN ANALYSES BY RACE USING THE MAAWGT2!

For an explanation of the difference between MAAWGT2 and FNLWGT go to: <http://www.ofm.wa.gov/researchbriefs/2003/brief020.pdf>

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If you are going to look at standard errors you must control for design effects (using SAS, Sudaan, Stata, etc).

SAS Example:

```
proc surveyfreq data=sps04f03 ;  
  tables cur_ins;  
  weight maawgt2; * or if running non-health insurance analysis fnlwgt;  
  cluster id;  
  strata region;  
run;
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