
Subject: Re: variable names -

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This is a multiple occurring variables, so each occurrence of every such variable must have its own name because statistical packages do not generally support the use of arrays or subscripts. For example, the third occurrence of the variable M19 would be named M19\$03 in SPSS, or M19_03 in SAS and STATA. You might want to use the Child file (KR), because in the Child file, you will have just "M19" for each observation, because in this dataset an observation is a child.

For more information on other variables in the files, you will need the Guide to DHS Statistics, and the DHS Recode Manual. The Recode Manual contains a general description of the recode data file, including the rationale for recoding; a description of coding standards and recode variables, and a listing of the standard dictionary, with basic information relating to each variable.
