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Subject: Re: What is hvidx?

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Another way to check the meaning of a variable is to use the Search function on the IPUMS-DHS website (at [www.idhsdata.org](http://www.idhsdata.org))

Based on the search that I just did, HVIDX is "line number of person in the household" in the household member (PR) file. An alternative name for this variable in IPUMS-DHS is HHLINENO. [https://www.idhsdata.org/idhs-action/variables/HHLINENO#description\\_section](https://www.idhsdata.org/idhs-action/variables/HHLINENO#description_section)

HIDX appears in IPUMS-DHS as the variable for "Health history index to birth history" when children are the unit of analysis (KR file).

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

Normally the household head occupies line number 1 in the household listing, so it seems unlikely that the two variables (HVIDX and HIDX) would have a value of 1 referring to the same person. The DHS variable for the line number of the woman respondent, specified in the IR file, is V003 (also called LINENO in IPUMS-DHS).

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