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Subject: Re: Couple file from male and female dataset  
Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Tue, 15 Mar 2022 10:28:23 GMT  
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Following is response from DHS Research & Data Analysis Director, Tom Pullum:

It is not true that all surveys have a couples file. Some surveys do not include men. The surveys you mentioned, in fact, did not include men and therefore do not have MR or CR files.

If a woman is asked a question about her husband, for example about his age or occupation, and the man is also asked the same thing about himself, then the man's self-response would have priority. However, the two responses can be compared. Similarly, the woman's responses in the women's survey about her age, education, etc. are given priority over the corresponding responses from the household respondent during the household survey. Self-responses are always preferable but you can learn something about data quality (and communication within the household) by comparing self-responses with what someone else said.

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