
Subject: Re: How to understand the content "flag-cases" [maternal anthropometry]
Posted by [Janet-DHS](#) on Wed, 28 Sep 2022 18:50:36 GMT

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Following is a response from DHS staff member Tom Pullum:

Two issues with the anthropometric data (measurements of height and weight) are incompleteness/nonresponse (mainly refusals or not being available) and implausible values or combinations of values. A combination would be implausible if it produces HAZ, WAZ, or WHZ scores outside the WHO ranges (-6 to +6, -6 to +5, or -5 to +5, respectively). "Flagged" is the same as "implausible", although I think there have been studies in which "flagged" included "incomplete". A couple of DHS methodological reports could be useful (<https://www.dhsprogram.com/pubs/pdf/MR16/MR16.pdf> and <https://www.dhsprogram.com/pubs/pdf/MR28/MR28.pdf>) and also the Guide to DHS Statistics (<https://www.dhsprogram.com/Data/Guide-to-DHS-Statistics/index.cfm>).
