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Subject: Re: FAMILY STRUCTURE

Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Mon, 21 Aug 2023 16:20:49 GMT

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Following is a response from Senior DHS staff member, Tom Pullum:

The relation to head code (hv101) in the household (PR) file cannot identify any couples other than the head+spouse couple.

The Guide to DHS Statistics ( <https://www.dhsprogram.com/Data/Guide-to-DHS-Statistics/index.cfm>) includes a description of how the couples file (the CR file) is constructed. The woman (in the IR file) and the man (in the MR file) must specify each other. If you go to the CR file, you will find all the couples that can be constructed using this requirement. It should include virtually all of the head+spouse couples

In the India surveys, only one-sixth of households were selected for the men's survey. Outside of that one-sixth of the total sample, no couples other than head+spouse can be identified.

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