Subject: Re: Overweight to under 5 children Posted by Janet-DHS on Thu, 28 Mar 2024 19:17:03 GMT

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

The measurements of height and weight are done in the household survey. All of the measured children appear in the PR file, and there the variables have the prefix hc. Later, women are interviewed and they list their children in a birth history. All of their children born in the past 5 years are included in the KR file. For children who were measured, their va;ies are copied into the KR file during data processing, with the prefix hw.

Most children in the PR file are also in the KR file and most children in the KR file are also in the PR file. For individual children who are in both files, there is no difference at all. However, some children in the PR file are not in the KR file. These are children whose mothers have died, or are not in the same household as the child, or were not interviewed. (Also some children in the KR file are not in the PR file--children who have died or are not living in the same household as the mother--but they have not been measured.)

Some other variables are in more than one file but have different names. For example, a woman's anemia status is ha57 in the PR file but v457 in the IR file, but for an individual woman who is in both files, her values are exactly the same.