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Subject: Re: MR file in NFHS1 and NFHS2  
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Following is a response from Senior DHS staff member, Tom Pullum:

You are right, there was not a men's survey in the NFHS-1 and -2. The data are not available because they were never collected.

The information about household members in the household survey, including marital status, was given by the household respondent, who was not necessarily the household head. In the PR file, the line number of the household respondent is given by hv003. You can find the person in the household for whom hv003=hvidx, and the relation to the head of the household is given by hv101 for that person (their sex is given by hv104). The household respondent will often NOT be the household head, and in many cases, the marital status of a man in the household survey is indeed a self-report.