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Subject: Re: MR file in NFHS1 and NFHS2  
Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Tue, 02 Jul 2024 11:52:27 GMT  
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Following is a response from Senior DHS staff member, Tom Pullum:

All the variables in the IR files come from the woman's questionnaire and interview. The woman is the respondent.

In the household survey (the PR file) there is also a question about the marital status of household members. The responses are given by the "household respondent", who is usually the household head or spouse of head but can be someone else. The person in the household who is the household respondent is the person for whom hv003=hvidx.

Even when the household respondent is the woman in the PR file, and she is giving a self-report of her marital status in both places, there can be discrepancies. The responses in the IR file are considered to be more accurate than those in the PR file.

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