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Subject: Re: How many children per family  
Posted by [Janet-DHS](#) on Wed, 31 Jul 2024 15:44:26 GMT  
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Following is a response from DHS staff member, Tom Pullum:

The following variables are included for each household in the HR file:

hv009	byte	%8.0g	number of household members
hv010	byte	%8.0g	number of eligible women in household
hv011	byte	%8.0g	number of eligible men in household
hv012	byte	%8.0g	number of de jure members
hv013	byte	%8.0g	number of de facto members
hv014	byte	%8.0g	number of children 5 and under (de jure)

These variables are repeated in the PR file, on the record for each household member.

In the PR file, there is also a variable hv101, a relation to head code. You can use it to construct some indicators of household structure. You can also use hv112 and hv114 to link coresident children (age 0-17) with their mother and father. But for your question, as I understand it, it may be best to use the IR file.