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Subject: The characteristics of each set.

Posted by [anyname](#) on Sun, 24 Mar 2013 21:49:13 GMT

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I am a very new user of DHS data sets. I found that you divided the downloaded files into groups e.g. individual raw, household raw, ... etc. I have two questions though they might sound naive:

- Where can I find the characteristics of each set? In other words, how can I know that I chose the right file? How can I know where the variables that I am looking for are located? How can I know whom each record (observation) represents e.g. male, female, household?
- Does it matter if I used the "recode" version or the raw version? e.g. Will my results get affected if I used individual raw than individual recode?

Please, excuse my ignorance as this is the first time I deal with DHS data.

Thank you.

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Subject: Re: The characteristics of each set.

Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Mon, 25 Mar 2013 12:08:24 GMT

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Please reference the DATANOTES.DOC file which was sent to you with the authorization email, and is also attached here for your convenience.

This document gives a brief description of the datasets, and also provides links to some resources that will get you started with your analysis.

I hope this helps.

Bridgette-DHS

#### File Attachments

1) [DataNotes.doc](#), downloaded 1258 times

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Subject: Re: The characteristics of each set.

Posted by [anyname](#) on Thu, 28 Mar 2013 03:27:09 GMT

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Thanks, Bridgette-DHS!

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Subject: Re: The characteristics of each set.

Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Thu, 28 Mar 2013 13:14:31 GMT

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You are welcome.

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