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Subject: MULTIPLE COUPLES IN HOUSEHOLD  
Posted by [sandeep](#) on Tue, 13 Apr 2021 23:37:09 GMT  
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Dear DHS team

my question concerns the couples recode dataset, India, 2015. There is only one couple per household. Why isn't there more than one couple in at least some households? (I looked at the household identifiers within the couples data; I also merged the couples with members PR data to check-- but I find that a household is linked to only one couple). I would greatly appreciate any advice you can provide. I couldn't resolve this issue by searching the users forum.

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Subject: Re: MULTIPLE COUPLES IN HOUSEHOLD  
Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Fri, 16 Apr 2021 10:01:28 GMT  
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Following is a response from DHS Technical Deputy Director, Fred Arnold:

As with other DHS surveys, the NFHS-4 did NOT have a limit on the number of couples per household. However, perhaps you are using domestic violence questions from the DV section of the questionnaire. Only one eligible woman is randomly selected per household for the DV questions. Therefore, if you are using the DV data and matching the female respondent to her husband, there would not be more than one couple per household.

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Subject: Re: MULTIPLE COUPLES IN HOUSEHOLD  
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Country India, Couples recode data

Thank you for your response. I am not looking at the DV module but the whole couples recode dataset (IAPR74FL.DTA). Following your reply I found that in the couples data, out of 63,696 cases, in 54,827 cases only one couple is recorded per household. The rest 8869 cases have at least one more couple from their household in the couples dataset. I hope that these numbers of multiple couple per household aren't too low and my calculations are correct.

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