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Subject: Clarification of "Sex" variable in PR data file  
Posted by [Sivakami](#) on Wed, 17 Apr 2024 07:50:51 GMT  
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Hi,

I am using PR data file "IAPREDT" from NFHS-5. There are two variables "SEX of the household member - hv104 " and "Sex of head of the household - hv219". There both variables distributions are different. So which one should I use for the research analysis.

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Subject: Re: Clarification of "Sex" variable in PR data file  
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Following is a response from Senior DHS staff member, Tom Pullum:

The PR file has one record or line of data for each person in the household. Each record includes a variable hv101, a code for relation to the head of the household. There are codes for spouse, child, etc. The head of the household has hv101=1.

The sex of everyone in the file is given by hv104. For convenience, the sex (hv104) of the head of the household (the person with hv101=1) is copied onto the record of everyone else in the household during the construction of the PR file. Normally you will just use hv104, but for some analyses, for example analyses of child well-being, it may be useful to know whether the household head is male or female, and to use hv219 in your analysis.

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