

---

Subject: Regarding the variables repeat  
Posted by [anilgvdbm](#) on Thu, 26 Dec 2013 06:26:08 GMT  
[View Forum Message](#) <> [Reply to Message](#)

---

Dear All,  
I am Anilkumar I am new to this NFHS data i want to know why the variables are repeating. I am unable to understand this variables please anybody give suggestion on this.

---

---

Subject: Re: Regarding the variables repeat  
Posted by [Liz-DHS](#) on Thu, 20 Feb 2014 17:35:51 GMT  
[View Forum Message](#) <> [Reply to Message](#)

---

Dear User,  
I apologize we somehow missed your post. Can you please be a little more specific about which variable(s) you are inquiring about?  
Normally variables repeat if there is more than one occurrence. Such as in a birth history or the health section for children in a questionnaire.  
Thank you!

---

---

Subject: Re: Regarding the variables repeat  
Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Tue, 27 May 2014 21:48:47 GMT  
[View Forum Message](#) <> [Reply to Message](#)

---

The multiple or repeating records are placed one after the other on the record, with the maximum number of occurrences of each section being represented in every case. Each variable in a repeating section is placed immediately after the preceding variable of the same occurrence, such that all variables for occurrence 1 precede all variables for occurrence 2 of a section.

Multiple occurring variables and sections of data represent the main disadvantage to flat files. Each occurrence of every such variable must have its own name because statistical packages do not generally support the use of arrays or subscripts. For example, the third occurrence of the variable named MM11 would be named MM11\$03 in SPSS, or MM11\_03 in SAS and STATA.

---