
Subject: What is hvidx?

Posted by [anikhpg42@gmail.com](#) on Wed, 13 Jun 2018 15:58:53 GMT

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Hi,

In DHS survey, I've noticed one variable named 'hidx/hvidx', which literally expressed as 'Line number of the household member'.

But can anybody explain this in broad?

I mean, what does it mean when 'hidx/hvidx = 1' ?

Thank you in Advance

Subject: Re: What is hvidx?

Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Mon, 25 Jun 2018 17:58:45 GMT

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The Recode Manual provides the information necessary to understand the variables/datasets. It describes each data file and the variables contained in them.

Subject: Re: What is hvidx?

Posted by [kingx025](#) on Mon, 09 Jul 2018 00:43:43 GMT

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Another way to check the meaning of a variable is to use the Search function on the IPUMS-DHS website (at www.idhsdata.org)

Based on the search that I just did, HVIDX is "line number of person in the household" in the household member (PR) file. An alternative name for this variable in IPUMS-DHS is HHLINENO. https://www.idhsdata.org/idhs-action/variables/HHLINENO#description_section

HIDX appears in IPUMS-DHS as the variable for "Health history index to birth history" when children are the unit of analysis (KR file).

https://www.idhsdata.org/idhs-action/variables/HIDX#description_section

Normally the household head occupies line number 1 in the household listing, so it seems unlikely that the two variables (HVIDX and HIDX) would have a value of 1 referring to the same person. The DHS variable for the line number of the woman respondent, specified in the IR file, is V003 (also called LINENO in IPUMS-DHS).

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