

Understanding Society User Support - Support #115

Highest qualification variable

01/29/2013 08:38 AM - Rachel Ong

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Description			
I am currently using Understanding Society wave 2. The highest qualification variable <code>b_qfhigh</code> has missing values for around 85% of the respondents. I can't seem to find another variable that reports the highest qualification of all adult respondents in the sample. Have I overlooked something here? I am primarily interested in the group of respondents who were previously interviewed in BHPS.			

History

#1 - 01/29/2013 08:52 AM - Redmine Admin

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Rachel,
Please have a look at this derived variable
https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/documentation/mainstage/dataset-documentation/wave/2/datafile/b_indresp/variable/b_hiqua1_dv

Jakob

#2 - 01/29/2013 09:04 AM - Rachel Ong

Hi Jakob,

Thanks for referring me to `b_hiqua1_dv`. I missed it because it's not in the Data Dictionary. However, there are still missing values for over 25% of cases for this variable, coded as "Inapplicable" (-8). Can you please clarify who are the people for whom the qualification data is "Inapplicable"? They seem to be different from those with missing values (coded as -9) and from those with no qualifications. The group in the "Inapplicable" category are also spread widely across all ages, so they are also not children who were not interviewed.

Thanks.

#3 - 02/01/2013 01:01 PM - Gundi Knies

Hi Rachel,
`_hiqua1_dv` uses information fed forward from the previous wave(s). When you compare the highest qualification variables (`qfhigh`, `qfvoc` etc) on BHPS and Understanding Society you will find that there is no 1:1 correspondence between the variables on the two studies. Therefore, it was not possible to feed forward information from the BHPS in the construction of `_hiqua1_dv`. You will find that some BHPS sample members have non-missing values on `_hiqua1_dv`. They will have reported new qualifications in the current wave, but may have had a higher qualification before that.

For your purposes, it may be best to use the latest highest qualification information available for respondents in BHPS as a proxy for the current highest qualification, i.e. assume this was constant.

Hope this helps,
Gundi

#4 - 02/18/2013 02:34 PM - Redmine Admin

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