

Understanding Society User Support - Support #1203

Net Income Variable in BHPS

06/18/2019 02:46 PM - Jonas Stein

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Assignee:	Jonas Stein		
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Description Hi, I was wondering whether the derived labour income variable <code>bw_fimnlabgrs_dv</code> in the BHPS data (not UKHLS) measures total gross or net labour income. Unfortunately, the variable label does not give information on this. I couldn't even find the variable in the BHPS documentation. Given the case that <code>bw_fimnlabgrs_dv</code> reports gross labour income, could you please tell me if there is a derived net labour income variable in the data? In the datasets, I couldn't find a <code>bw_fimnl</code> variable as described in the manuals. Thanks!			

History

#1 - 06/23/2019 12:23 PM - Alita Nandi

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#2 - 06/23/2019 12:25 PM - Alita Nandi

Many thanks for your enquiry. The Understanding Society team is looking into it and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

Best wishes,
Understanding Society User Support Team

#3 - 06/24/2019 09:40 AM - Alita Nandi

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`bw_fimnlabgrs_dv` is gross labour income.

`bw_fimnlabgrs_dv` in the harmonised files is the same as `bw_fimnl` in the standalone BHPS files. See page 19 of the harmonised BHPS user guide: <https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/sites/default/files/downloads/documentation/mainstage/user-guides/bhps-harmonised-user-guide.pdf>

There is currently no net labour income variable in the BHPS (standalone or harmonised) data files. But there is a dataset of BHPS net income variables produced by Jenkins et al. You can download it from the UKDS: <https://beta.ukdataservice.ac.uk/datacatalogue/studies/study?id=3909>

Hope this helps. If you have further questions please let us know.
Alita

#4 - 06/24/2019 09:44 AM - Alita Nandi

But please note the Jenkins et al net income files only produced net household labour income and not individual level income variables.

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