

Understanding Society User Support - Support #1237

Month of birth variables

09/05/2019 03:24 PM - Maddalena Ronchi

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Priority:	High	% Done:	100%
Assignee:	Maddalena Ronchi		
Category:	Special license		
Description			
Hello,			
I would like to use the variable month of birth. According to the online documentation: - in the understanding society database it should be available in indresp wave 1 and 2 only (the variable is called scdobm); is this question made available in some other datasets? - in the BHPS database it should be available in all inderesp waves (the variable is called dobm)			
However I dont find the variable in the databases I have just downloaded. I have tried to download the two the following dta 1) BHPS series only: https://beta.ukdataservice.ac.uk/datacatalogue/studies/study?id=5151 2) The harmonised version of BHPS and UKHLSE: https://beta.ukdataservice.ac.uk/datacatalogue/studies/study?id=6614			
Any idea what can be wrong? Thanks, Maddalena			

History

#1 - 09/05/2019 04:02 PM - Stephanie Auty

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- Assignee set to Maddalena Ronchi
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Dear Maddalena,

The month of birth is only available in the Special Licence datasets. The variable is w_dobm_dv in files for each wave and dobm_dv in xwavedat. Variables only available in SL are shown by the blue stripe at the top of their page in the online documentation, for example:

https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/documentation/mainstage/dataset-documentation/wave/xwave/datafile/xwavedat/variable/dobm_dv

You can see the terms for accessing Special Licence here: <https://www.ukdataservice.ac.uk/get-data/how-to-access/conditions/special-licence>

Best wishes,
Stephanie

#2 - 09/13/2019 10:42 AM - Gundi Knies

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