Understanding Society User Support - Support #1265

Variable storage types changing from wave to wave

10/24/2019 12:59 PM - Tom Waters

Status:	Resolved	**Start date:**	10/24/2019
Priority:	Normal	**% Done:**	100%
Assignee:			
Category:	Data inconsistency		

Description

Hi,

I wanted ask whether it would be possible to ensure that data storage types for a given variable not change from wave to wave. For example, in the Special Licence Stata data I am using, w_jshrs changes from type 'int' in wave E, to 'float' in wave F, to 'byte' in wave G. While this doesn't matter for most analysis (e.g. Stata analysis), it does matter if you are trying to read the data into a programme that is more specific on data types. If it is not possible to keep them consistent, it would be very useful to have a list which details every variable which changes type over the survey. Apologies if that is already available and I can't find it.

(I downloaded the data I am using December 2018, which may not be the very latest version)

Many thanks,
Tom

History

#1 - 10/24/2019 05:49 PM - Stephanie Auty

- Category set to Data inconsistency

- Status changed from New to In Progress

- Target version set to X M

- % Done changed from 0 to 10

- Private changed from Yes to No

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,
Stephanie Auty - Understanding Society User Support Officer

#2 - 10/25/2019 12:32 PM - Stephanie Auty

- Status changed from In Progress to Feedback

- Assignee set to Tom Waters

- % Done changed from 10 to 80

Dear Tom,

Thank you for making us aware of this issue. We have passed the information to our data release team for them to address.

Best wishes,
Stephanie

#3 - 08/15/2022 03:25 PM - Understanding Society User Support Team

- Status changed from Feedback to Resolved

- Assignee deleted (Tom Waters)

- % Done changed from 80 to 100