# **Understanding Society User Support - Support #1277**

## **Tracking marital statuses**

11/19/2019 11:43 AM - Chetan Jethwa

Status:	Resolved	Start date:	11/19/2019
Priority:	High	% Done:	100%
Assignee:			
Category:	Questionnaire content		

### **Description**

I was wondering if it was possible to determine whether an individual was a single mother or divorced when they were younger from the dataset.

I looked into all of the data dictionaries and haven't found a suitable variable.

I am currently using the ukhls w8 datasets.

Thank you

#### History

#### #1 - 11/19/2019 05:30 PM - Stephanie Auty

- Status changed from New to Feedback
- % Done changed from 0 to 80
- Private changed from Yes to No

Dear Chetan,

New entrants are asked their relationship history in the relationshiphistory module at the wave they join the survey (
<a href="https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/documentation/mainstage/dataset-documentation/wave/9/questionnaire-module/partnershiphistory\_w9">https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/documentation/mainstage/dataset-documentation/wave/9/questionnaire-module/partnershiphistory\_w9</a>). The easiest way to access the data for all waves is to use the Marital and Cohabitation Histories dataset, available here:

<a href="https://beta.ukdataservice.ac.uk/datacatalogue/studies/study?id=8473">https://beta.ukdataservice.ac.uk/datacatalogue/studies/study?id=8473</a>

You could use this in combination with the mother and father ids (w\_mnpid, w\_fnpid, w\_mnspis, w\_mnspid) of children in the w\_indall file at each wave to find children living in a one parent household.

Best wishes, Stephanie

## #2 - 08/15/2022 03:32 PM - Understanding Society User Support Team

- Status changed from Feedback to Resolved
- Assignee deleted (Chetan Jethwa)
- % Done changed from 80 to 100

#### #3 - 08/22/2023 01:24 PM - Understanding Society User Support Team

- Category changed from Data analysis to Questionnaire content

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