

Understanding Society User Support - Support #1294

Universe of school variable

12/16/2019 04:00 PM - Nurfatima Jandarova

Status:Resolved

Priority:Normal

Assignee:

Category:Data documentation

Start date:12/16/2019

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Description

Hello!

Could you please help me figure out my confusion about school attendance status. If I look at the questionnaire, the universe for school question are respondents who have never been interviewed before. Am I understanding this correctly that if some people who were still at school in wave 1 finished school in wave 2, they do not get their school status updated? Ever?

If I look at the first and second wave and tabulated the two school measures, this is what I see:

never went to/still at school (wave 1)	never went to/still at school (wave 2)						
missing	inapplica	don't kno	write in	never wen	still at		
9	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
63	18	6	37	2	0	0	0
37,301	34,636	37	2,585	13	29	1	1
209	166	2	14	26	1	1	1
775	630	0	96	0	49	1	1
38,360	35,458	45	2,736	41	79	1	1

And the whole column of inapplicable values in wave 2 is exactly the cases where

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b_ff_ivlowlw == 1 & b_ff_everint == 1
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I am asking this because many other measures depend on the value of this variable, for example school leaving age or school codes. So, there is always a subset of people for whom this information could have been collected but wasn't because the school varibale has not been updated.

I understand this is not a big number of people (630 in the above table). I just need to know if my understanding is correct, so I can understand better the sample I am working with.

Thank you!

History

- #1 - 12/17/2019 03:50 PM - Stephanie Auty
- Category set to Data documentation
  - Status changed from New to Feedback
  - Assignee set to Nurfatima Jandarova
  - % Done changed from 0 to 80
  - Private changed from Yes to No

Dear Nurfatima,

You can use the derived variables school\_dv and scend\_dv in xwavedat to see the most up to date information we have for each individual. You can see which variables are used to calculate them by looking at the online documentation:

[https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/documentation/mainstage/dataset-documentation/variable/scend\\_dv](https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/documentation/mainstage/dataset-documentation/variable/scend_dv) and  
[https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/documentation/mainstage/dataset-documentation/variable/school\\_dv](https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/documentation/mainstage/dataset-documentation/variable/school_dv)

Best wishes,  
Stephanie

**#2 - 08/15/2022 04:46 PM - Understanding Society User Support Team**

- Status changed from *Feedback* to *Resolved*
- Assignee deleted (*Nurfatima Jandarova*)
- % Done changed from 80 to 100