

## Understanding Society User Support - Support #1429

Current | job: ISCO88 | (condensed | 3 digits | version) - Manager occupations

10/16/2020 03:04 PM - C Josten

<b>Status:</b> Resolved	<b>Start date:</b> 10/16/2020
<b>Priority:</b> Normal	<b>% Done:</b> 100%
<b>Assignee:</b>	
<b>Category:</b>	
<b>Description</b> Hi! I'd be interested why there is a disproportionate large number of individuals who report to be in the ISCO88 occupation group of 122 and 123 (i.e. managers). It seems odd that there is that many managers but maybe there is a reason for this. Could you confirm that this observation is correct and there is no bias? Thanks!	

### History

#### #1 - 10/16/2020 03:31 PM - Alita Nandi

- Status changed from New to In Progress
- Assignee set to Gundi Knies
- % 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,  
Understanding Society User Support Team

#### #2 - 10/19/2020 12:27 PM - Gundi Knies

- Assignee changed from Gundi Knies to C Josten
- Priority changed from High to Normal

Hi Colin,

JBISCO88 is coded from JBSOC00, JBSEMP, JBSIZE and JSSIZE using rigid look-up files, see e.g.

<https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/documentation/mainstage/dataset-documentation/variable/jbisco88>. I am not exactly sure what you mean by bias? Do you mean a coding error?

I can confirm that JBISCO88\_CC 122 and 123 codes are the most frequent codes (in W1 and W9). Cases with JBISCO88\_CC 122 or 123 should have JBSOC00\_CC codes that indicate managerial positions and this is what I find in the data, too: The current job SOC 2000 codes have the expected JBSOC00\_CC codes (112-118, 121-123). The most prevalent JBSOC00\_CC code (in W1 and W9) appears to be 113 'Functional managers'. The ONS's SOC 2000 guide shows this covers managers in sales, marketing, finance and IT.

Generally, it does not strike me as odd that these occupations are frequent as these are big industries/occupations in Britain and the number of people who describe their jobs as involving some sort of 'managment' (e.g., of projects, however, small they may be; or of people, however few they may be) these days is likely high. Are the population estimates you get for SOC 2000 from Understanding Society not comparable with other official statistics?

Thanks,  
Gundi

On behalf of Understanding Society User Support

#### #3 - 10/22/2020 10:13 AM - Alita Nandi

- Status changed from In Progress to Feedback
- % Done changed from 10 to 80

#### #4 - 10/13/2021 10:53 AM - Understanding Society User Support Team

- Status changed from Feedback to Resolved
- Assignee deleted (C Josten)
- % Done changed from 80 to 100