

Understanding Society User Support - Support #143

Derived housing costs variable in BHPS

04/19/2013 03:44 PM - Robert de Vries

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Priority:	Normal	% Done:	100%
Assignee:	Redmine Admin		
Category:	Data analysis		
Description			
<p>Hi. I have a question about the derived housing costs variable in BHPS Wave R:</p> <p>The derived variable rxphsg is described as giving monthly mortgage or rental costs, net of housing benefit. It is noted that it should only be 0 for houses i)owned outright, ii)lived in rent free, or iii)completely covered by housing benefit. However, 40% of the Wave R sample have a value of 0 for this variable. This strikes me as a little high, even for Wave R (which I understand is a little older than the general UK population) – and even for those under 60, a quarter are apparently living with 0 housing costs. Can you confirm that this variable is correct?</p> <p>Best, Rob</p>			

History

#1 - 04/24/2013 01:11 PM - Redmine Admin

- Category set to Data analysis
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- % Done changed from 0 to 50

There is an underlying and rising trend in housing owned outright - especially from 2001/02 onwards. See variable, TENURE. This should help explain most of the zeros in the data.
Jakob

#2 - 05/07/2013 09:47 AM - Redmine Admin

- Status changed from New to Closed
- % Done changed from 50 to 100