

## Understanding Society User Support - Support #1466

### Determining which observations have been answered by a proxy

12/30/2020 11:29 AM - Leilah Plant-Tchenguiz

|  |          |                    |            |
|--|----------|--------------------|------------|
| <b>Status:</b>   | Feedback | <b>Start date:</b> | 12/30/2020 |
| <b>Priority:</b>   | Normal   | <b>% Done:</b>     | 90%        |
| <b>Assignee:</b>   |          |                    |            |
| <b>Category:</b>   |          |                    |            |
| <b>Description</b>   |          |                    |            |
| <p>Hi, how do I determine which observation questions have been answered by a proxy? My understanding is that if the value of a variable is -7, this indicates that the value is missing as the question was not contained in the proxy questionnaire. However, if I have an observation for a variable which is not missing, how do I know whether this came from the respondent or from the respondent's proxy?</p> <p>Thanks.</p> |          |                    |            |

#### History

##### #1 - 01/04/2021 06:06 AM - Alita Nandi

- Status changed from New to Feedback
- Assignee set to Leilah Plant-Tchenguiz
- % Done changed from 0 to 90
- Private changed from Yes to No

Hello,

Use the variable `w_ivfio` which will tell you if this was a proxy interview or a full interview (meaning the respondent did the interview).

Best wishes,  
Understanding Society User Support Team

##### #2 - 01/06/2021 07:34 PM - Leilah Plant-Tchenguiz

Thanks. If I take a subsample of the individual-level data (which happens to have no proxy respondents), would I use the population weight for respondents exclusive of proxies? Or do you choose the weight type before taking subsamples?

##### #3 - 01/07/2021 02:46 PM - Alita Nandi

If you exclude proxy respondents then you will use the weight for full respondent. For cross-sectional analysis that is `w_indin?_xw` and for longitudinal analysis that is `w_indin?_lw`. Please see the section on selecting weights in the user guide: <https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/documentation/mainstage/user-guides/main-survey-user-guide/selecting-the-correct-weight-for-your-analysis>

##### #4 - 01/26/2021 02:40 PM - Alita Nandi

- Assignee changed from Leilah Plant-Tchenguiz to Alita Nandi

##### #5 - 08/05/2021 02:06 PM - Understanding Society User Support Team

- Assignee deleted (Alita Nandi)