

## Understanding Society User Support - Support #1489

### SDQ Total Difficulties Score - too many 'inapplicable'

01/22/2021 10:18 AM - Giorgio Piccitto

<b>Status:</b>	Resolved	<b>Start date:</b>	01/22/2021
<b>Priority:</b>	Normal	<b>% Done:</b>	100%
<b>Assignee:</b>			
<b>Category:</b>			
<b>Description</b>			
Dear all,			
I would like to know your opinion on the following issue (maybe silly, but I am pretty new to this dataset so any help would be really appreciated).			
I was looking for the variable SDQ Total Difficulties Score in the child dataset, and checking it in the first wave where it is present (wave 3) I noticed a huge % of 'inapplicable' in the response (86.5%).			
How is this possible? What does it mean that this score is 'inapplicable'?			
Thanks a lot in advance, best, Giorgio			

#### History

##### #1 - 01/22/2021 06:25 PM - Alita Nandi

- Status changed from New to Feedback
- Assignee set to Alita Nandi
- % Done changed from 0 to 50

Hello Giorgio,

This file includes all children (0-15 year old). These questions were asked of parents of 3 and 5 year olds, who had completed face-to-face interviews and the self-completion questionnaire. So, all all 3 & 5 year olds with at least one parent in household who completed the self-completion questionnaire should have a response to this. I am looking into the approx. 600 cases who should have a valid response to these questions but don't.

Best wishes,  
Understanding Society User Support Team

##### #2 - 01/22/2021 07:06 PM - Alita Nandi

- % Done changed from 50 to 80

Sorry I meant age 5 or 8. If you take all adult respondents in c\_indresp who completed the interview face-to-face (c\_indmode = 1) and completed the self-completions (c\_sclag\_dv=1) and said that they were responsible for at least one child aged 3, 5 or 8 (c\_nch3res>0|c\_nch5res>0|c\_nch8res>0), and then you will get the set of adult respondents who were eligible for the Child Development Module (See page 482 of the Wave 3 adult questionnaire). They were then asked these SDQ questions for every 5 and 8 year old they were responsible for. So, only those 5 and 8 year olds whose guardians completed an adult face-to-face interview and self-completion questionnaire should have a valid response for these questions. After including all this information I found 8 children whose mother should have provided responses to these questions but were not asked.

So, to answer your question, yes the large number of inapplicables are expected.

##### #3 - 01/25/2021 11:04 PM - Alita Nandi

- Assignee changed from Alita Nandi to Giorgio Piccitto
- Private changed from Yes to No

##### #4 - 01/26/2021 02:38 PM - Alita Nandi

- Assignee changed from Giorgio Piccitto to Alita Nandi

##### #5 - 08/05/2021 02:07 PM - Understanding Society User Support Team

- Assignee deleted (Alita Nandi)

**#6 - 10/12/2021 02:36 PM - Understanding Society User Support Team**

- *Status changed from Feedback to Resolved*

- *% Done changed from 80 to 100*