

Understanding Society User Support - Support #1490

Top-coding of net income

01/24/2021 12:22 PM - Leilah Plant-Tchenguz

Status:	In Progress	Start date:	01/24/2021
Priority:	Normal	% Done:	80%
Assignee:	Understanding Society User Support Team		
Category:			
Description Hi, how would I find out if observations of the following variables have been top-coded?: fimnnet_dv fimnmisc_dv fimnprben_dv fimninvnet_dv fimnpen_dv fimnsben_dv I have read the documentation but can't seem to find information specifically on the top-coding of these variables.			

History

#1 - 01/26/2021 02:38 PM - Alita Nandi

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

Sorry for the delay in getting back to you.

Based on the user guide description of topcoding, all these variables are top-coded but we are still waiting to hear back from the Income Team for confirmation.

Best wishes,
Understanding Society User Support Team

#2 - 01/28/2021 04:17 PM - Leilah Plant-Tchenguz

Thank you. Could you please ask the Income Team how I can identify which individual observations have been top-coded?

#3 - 01/28/2021 04:18 PM - Alita Nandi

- Status changed from Feedback to In Progress

#4 - 02/03/2021 08:00 AM - Understanding Society User Support Team

- Status changed from In Progress to Feedback
- Assignee changed from Alita Nandi to Understanding Society User Support Team
- % Done changed from 50 to 80
- Private changed from Yes to No

Hello Leah,

Currently the only way to identify the cases where income has been topcoded is using the _tc variables. This will tell you whether the corresponding income variable's components were top-coded. And to know whether the specific component was topcoded please check the topcoded limit described here. If the value is less than this then it was not.

<https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/documentation/mainstage/user-guides/main-survey-user-guide/imputation-flags-and-top-coding-of-income-variables>

If you want to access the non-topcoded income values please apply for the Special License version of the data:

<https://beta.ukdataservice.ac.uk/datacatalogue/studies/study?id=6931>

Best wishes,

#5 - 02/03/2021 09:05 AM - Leilah Plant-Tchenguiz

As fimnnet_tc doesn't exist, how would I know if fimnnet_dv observations are top-coded? fimnnet_dv is comprised of 6 components, and only one of these components (fimnlabnet_dv) has a top-coding dummy variable. How can I use the components to work this out if only one of six components has a top-coding indicator - can I assume that if a component has no _tc variable, the component is not top-coded?

Thank you.

#6 - 02/11/2021 11:34 AM - Understanding Society User Support Team

- Status changed from Feedback to In Progress