

Understanding Society User Support - Support #1563

Survey Participant Drop-Outs

07/13/2021 09:01 AM - Ethan Hood

Status:	Resolved	Start date:	07/13/2021
Priority:	Normal	% Done:	100%
Assignee:			
Category:			
Description			
I am wondering if someone would be able to give any more information on the drop-out rates of participants, particularly in Scotland. I noticed that there is a big difference between the amount of respondents in Wave 1 to the current wave (Wave 10) and I was wondering if there was more information on how steady the decrease in adult participants was and the likely reasons for one leaving the survey.			
Many Thanks			

History

#1 - 07/14/2021 10:08 AM - Understanding Society User Support Team

- Status changed from New to In Progress
- % 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.

We aim to respond to simple queries within 48 hours and more complex issues within 7 working days. While we will aim to keep to this response times due to the current coronavirus (COVID-19) related situation it may take us longer to respond.

Best wishes,
Understanding Society User Support Team

#2 - 07/15/2021 04:07 PM - Understanding Society User Support Team

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

Hello Ethan,

The number of adult interviews of Scotland residents increased in Wave 2 when we added the BHPS sample which included the Scottish Boost sample. Then due to normal attrition sample sizes dropped. Adult interview wave-on-wave response rate is around 2-3 percentage points lower for Scotland than England (GPS & BHPS samples). This working paper discusses representativeness and attrition for different sub-groups including based on region

<https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/sites/default/files/downloads/working-papers/2018-01.pdf>

Using weights should correct for non-response bias. To know more about the correct weights to select for your analysis see:

<https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/documentation/mainstage/user-guides/main-survey-user-guide/weighting-guidance>

Hope this helps.

Best wishes,
Understanding Society User Support Team

#3 - 10/12/2021 02:53 PM - Understanding Society User Support Team

- Status changed from Feedback to Resolved
- % Done changed from 80 to 100