

Understanding Society User Support - Support #1568

Household income components

07/24/2021 10:30 AM - Matt Barnes

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Description			
<p>Hi - In the User Guide it says "At the household level, w_fihhmnet1_dv is the net household monthly income. It is the sum of net monthly incomes from all household members (including proxies and within household non-respondents, see w_fimnet_dv). It can be decomposed into the six subcomponents: net labour income (w_fihhmnlabnet_dv), miscellaneous income (w_fihhmnmisc_dv), private benefit income (w_fihhmnrben_dv), investment income (w_fihhmninv_dv), pension income (w_fihhmnpn_dv), and social benefit income (w_fihhmnsben_dv)." Should then the 6 income components (w_fihhmnlabnet_dv, w_fihhmnmisc_dv, w_fihhmnrben_dv, w_fihhmninv_dv, w_fihhmnpn_dv, w_fihhmnsben_dv) sum to equal w_fihhmnet1_dv? When using the hresp file, this only seems to happen for about 80% of households (give or take a few £s difference). The difference for some households is large. I ask as I'm trying to analyse changes in total household income over time and to look at which components of income are causing this change. Thanks for your help. - Matt</p>			

History

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Thanks for your question. Our income team has had a deeper a look into the issue and can confirm the variables containing household total net income and components are correct, but we have identified a small coding error in the variable fihhmnet1_dv. This will be corrected for the wave 11 data release later this year.

In the meantime, you can simply recalculate fihhmnet1_dv as total household net income minus the other components of household income. So: $fihhmnet1_dv = fihhmnet1_dv - (fihhmnlabnet_dv + fihhmnmisc_dv + fihhmnrben_dv + fihhmnpn_dv + fihhmnsben_dv)$

and this will correct the issue.

Hope this helps and thanks very much for your useful question.

Best wishes,
Understanding Society User Support Team

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