Understanding Society User Support - Support #1636

Empstat wave 5

01/22/2022 12:22 AM - ISHA GUPTA

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Description

Hi Team,

I am trying to reconstruct the employment history of all the individuals. So, according to my understanding, the data file 'empstat' captures only the changes in employment status history- meaning that it only capture if there was a change in employment status (i.e. full time to part time or unemployment, etc.), along with the start month and year of this employment status, and not the changes in companies/ job/ job hours.
However, in many cases, same employment status has been captured in different spells. For ex- spell 1 and spell 2 had the same employment status (but with different start month and year, ofcourse)
So, my question is whether we should merge these spells into one? Or they are different in some other sense?
And in case they are merged as one then the start month and year (MY) of the earlier spell should be used as the start MY?

One such case is pidp=68019051 in e_empstat.

History

#1 - 01/24/2022 11:21 AM - Understanding Society User Support Team

- Status changed from New to Feedback

- % Done changed from 0 to 80

- Private changed from Yes to No

Hello,

You are correct the questions were about employment status and not jobs. The empstat datafile includes the responses of the interviewees as is. We don't have any additional information as to why the person provided two employment status spells.

Here is the question text, response options and interviewer instructions. You can find in the Wave 5 questionnaire (
https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/sites/default/files/downloads/documentation/mainstage/questionnaire/wave-5/Wave_5_Questionnaire_Consultation_v03.pdf?q=3957a0733c2a2f8ee1d1c3b02ebced75ddeb4831)

Question text: Which description on this card comes closest to what you first did after leaving full-time education {if LESHST = FIRST SPELL} / best describes what you did next, even if it was only for a month {if LESHST = SECOND SPELL ONWARDS} ?

Interviewer Instruction: DO NOT CODE EACH 'JOB' SEPARATELY. ONE PERIOD OF PAID EMPLOYMENT CAN INCLUDE MORE THAN ONE JOB

The response options were
0 current status reached, no further changes
1 self-employed
2 full-time employed
3 part-time employed
4 unemployed
5 retired
6 maternity leave
7 looking after family or home
8 full-time student/at school
9 long-term sick or disabled
10 on a government training scheme
11 national service/war service
12 something else

#2 - 07/27/2023 02:10 PM - Understanding Society User Support Team

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- % Done changed from 80 to 100