

Understanding Society User Support - Support #1656

Difference between variables bl_unib and bl_unim

02/08/2022 11:31 AM - Jonathan Ramshaw

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Assignee:	Understanding Society User Support Team		
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Description			
<p>Hi, I am seeking some information on what the difference is between variables "unib" and "unim" that are in wave BH12.</p> <p>My understanding is that they are both asking the type of institution that the respondent gained their higher degree from. They both feature the same options, yet these values do not align. I have attached a screenshot from my analysis where I restrict my sample to only those who attended "Russell group" universities according to the "unib" variable, however, when I summarise the values for "unim" for the same sample, there are values for different answers. Some information on how this is possible would be highly appreciated.</p> <p>Thanks, Jonathan Ramshaw</p>			

History

#1 - 02/08/2022 02:26 PM - 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 - 02/09/2022 10:56 AM - Understanding Society User Support Team

- Status changed from In Progress to Feedback
- Assignee set to Understanding Society User Support Team
- % Done changed from 10 to 80

Dear Jonathan,

The unib question asked about the first degree (e.g. B.A., BSc, BEd), the unim about the second or higher degree (e.g. MA, PhD, MSc). You can check further details about these questions in the pdf of the BHPS wave 12 questionnaire (page 20 [63 in the file], questions DA67 and DA68) available here: <https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/documentation/mainstage/questionnaires>

Best wishes,
Understanding Society User Support Team

#3 - 02/13/2022 04:27 PM - Jonathan Ramshaw

Thank you, this clears this up for me.

Additionally, is there a reason why both of these questions as well as the variable 'fetype' (type of further education) were not continued after 2009 when the survey became the Understanding Society UKHLS study? And perhaps why there is no equivalent questions around the topic of the type of educational institution after 2009?

Many Thanks,
Jonathan

#4 - 02/17/2022 11:41 AM - Understanding Society User Support Team

Dear Jonathan,

These two questions were discontinued, but you can see the Higher Education establishments of respondents at Waves 5 and 11 in the Special Licence dataset SN 8578 (<https://beta.ukdataservice.ac.uk/datacatalogue/studies/study?id=8578>, you need to apply for access via the UKDS). The closest UKHLS variable to the BHPS fetype is edtype (<https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/documentation/mainstage/dataset-documentation/variable/edtype>).

Best wishes,
Understanding Society User Support Team

#5 - 06/07/2022 10:10 AM - Understanding Society User Support Team

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