

Understanding Society User Support - Support #1669

Employment history and labour force spell

03/17/2022 01:21 PM - Yanan Zhang

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Priority:	Normal	% Done:	100%
Assignee:	Understanding Society User Support Team		
Category:	Data documentation		
Description			
Dear Member of the Understanding Society team,			
I hope this message finds you well.			
I am emailing to enquire about some suggestions to build employment trajectories with employment history and the labour force spell data. Given the complexity of the data structure, it would be much appreciated if you could provide some guidelines regarding the subject.			
Thank you ever so much for your time and all my best wishes,			
Yanan			

History

#1 - 03/18/2022 07:44 PM - Understanding Society User Support Team

- Status changed from New to In Progress
- Assignee set to Understanding Society User Support Team
- 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 - 03/21/2022 04:35 PM - Understanding Society User Support Team

- Category set to Data documentation
- Status changed from In Progress to Feedback
- % Done changed from 0 to 50

Hello,

We do not have a separate user guide covering UKHLS employment data but I would recommend checking:

- 1) the w_empstat datasets which include the employment history collected during adult interviews in Wave 1 for part of the GPS & EMB samples and in Wave 5 for rest of the samples, and for the entire IEMBS in Wave 6 (non-harmonised) and the BHPS lifemst datasets where this information was collected for the BHPS sample
- 2) the variable search index terms related to employment to identify potentially useful variables: <https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/documentation/mainstage/dataset-documentation/index-terms>
- 3) checking the questionnaires pdf files looking for more detailed information about these variables (wording, universe/filtering, relationships between variables etc.) <https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/documentation/mainstage/questionnaires>
- 4) you can also find some useful information on the employment webpage <https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/topic/employment>

Please let us know in case you have further questions.

Best wishes,
Understanding Society User Support Team

#3 - 03/22/2022 11:13 AM - Understanding Society User Support Team

You may also be interested in the syntax that was developed by Liam Wright to produce the complete employment history. <https://github.com/ljwright/work-life-histories-ukhls-bhps> This project contains files for creating work-life histories for participants in the BHPS

and UKHLS. To create the histories, download the Stata .do files from the GitHub repository and follow the instruction in the report. For any questions about the code or the project please contact Liam Wright (email is available here: <https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/documentation/mainstage/syntax>)

Best wishes,
Understanding Society User Support Team

#4 - 06/06/2022 08:56 PM - Understanding Society User Support Team

- *Status changed from Feedback to Resolved*

- *% Done changed from 50 to 100*