Understanding Society User Support - Support #1675

Wave 7 COVID-19 DATA- Employment Status

04/04/2022 02:31 PM - FATHIA Ali

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Description

I am trying to find a variable for employment status but cannot find one measuring whether people are employed or unemployed. I want to look at employment status and food insecurity as research shows that unemployed people are more likely to use a food bank. Can you help me with identifying this as all i can are questions asking people if they are employed or self employed.

History

#1 - 04/05/2022 05:47 PM - Understanding Society User Support Team

- Status changed from New to In Progress

- 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.

Best wishes,
Understanding Society User Support Team

#2 - 04/07/2022 05:33 PM - Understanding Society User Support Team

- Status changed from In Progress to Feedback

- % Done changed from 0 to 50

In the Covid-19 survey the question about labour market activity was not asked in each wave, only whether the respondent was working or not. The full information about employment status is available only for the baseline (there are blwork and blnonwork questions).
So, to determine if one has become unemployed since the last interview one would need to:
a) for the first wave in which a given respondent participated, compare sempderived with blwork - if someone was employed at the baseline and in wave 1 sempderived=4, then we could assume they became unemployed (somewhat simplifying, as e.g. they could have retired),
b) for subsequent waves in which the respondent participated, compare sempderived in the current wave with the sempderived in the previous wave - previously employed, currently sempderived=4, thus unemployed (again, simplifying)

Of course, you would also need to include people who were unemployed at the baseline and did not work in the waves you are interested in.
If you wanted a more refined definition of unemployment then to identify unemployed, you could check whether they were not working AND searching for a job using julk4wk included a Job Search module in waves 3, 5, 7, 9.

Best wishes,
Understanding Society User Support Team

#3 - 06/06/2022 08:40 PM - Understanding Society User Support Team

- Status changed from Feedback to Resolved

- % Done changed from 50 to 100