

Understanding Society User Support - Support #1687

Query about Likert variable in ca_indresp_w

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Assignee:	Understanding Society User Support Team		
Category:	Questionnaire content		
Description			
Hi,			
I'm a final year student working on my dissertation and had a question about the variable ca_scghq1_dv in ca_indresp_w. This variable is labelled as Subjective wellbeing (GHQ): Likert. I would like to know what exactly this is referring to.			
When checking the data dictionary for this variable I can only find that if a negative value is assigned then this indicates missing values or a refusal to answer the question. What exactly is the question asked of participants?			
When examining this variable in Stata I can see this variable can take on values ranging from 0-36 (excluding missing values) and I am unable to find out what these numbers refer to exactly. I have checked the questionnaire and the user guide but can't find anything.			
Thank you!			

History

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- Category changed from Data documentation to Questionnaire content
- Status changed from New to Feedback
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Hi,

This is a summary index for the battery of the 12 General Health Questionnaire questions ranging from scghqa to scghql. For each respondent 1 is deducted from the score on each of these variables and then these modified scores for all 12 variables are added, therefore one gets an index ranging from 0 to 36. Please check Appendix B on page 87 of the Covid-19 user guide (<https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/sites/default/files/downloads/documentation/covid-19/user-guides/covid-19-user-guide.pdf>) for the Stata code used to calculate this variable.

Best wishes,
Understanding User Support Team