Understanding Society User Support - Support #1690

jbnssec8_dv

04/28/2022 11:42 AM - Ruth Bickerton

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Assignee:	Ruth Bickerton		
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Description

Hi, I'm looking for some information around US SEC data (e.g. jbnssec8_dv). I'm looking for a variable to proxy socio-economic position and this seems to be the closest. However, the 8 categories are different to those listed by the ONS in their methodology. (See here for a detailed methodology discussion from ONS:
https://www.ons.gov.uk/methodology/classificationsandstandards/otherclassifications/thenationalstatisticssocioeconomicclassificationnssecrebasedonsoc2010#continuity-with-social-class-and-socio-economic-group)

US categories:
1. Large employers & higher management
2. Higher professional
3. Lower management & professional
4. Intermediate
5. Small employers & own account
6. Lower supervisory & technical
7. Semi-routine
8. Routine

ONS categories:
1. Higher managerial, administrative and professional occupations
1.1 Large employers and higher managerial and administrative occupations
1.2 Higher professional occupations
2. Lower managerial, administrative and professional occupations
3. Intermediate occupations
4. Small employers and own account workers
5. Lower supervisory and technical occupations
6. Semi-routine occupations
7. Routine occupations
8. Never worked and long-term unemployed

Please can you explain the rationale for the difference and where the US categories came from? Why has 'never worked and long-term unemployed' been excluded from the US categories?

Many thanks.

History

#1 - 04/28/2022 03:46 PM - Understanding Society User Support Team

- Status changed from New to Feedback

- % Done changed from 0 to 80

- Private changed from Yes to No

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https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/documentation/mainstage/dataset-documentation/variable/jbnssec_dv
https://www.ons.gov.uk/methodology/classificationsandstandards/otherclassifications/thenationalstatisticssocioeconomicclassificationnssecrebasedonsoc2010#category-descriptions-and-operational-issues

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If this does not answer your question, or there are other mismatches you have identified please let us know.

Best wishes,
Understanding Society User Support Team

#2 - 04/29/2022 10:05 AM - Ruth Bickerton

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Thanks for getting back to me. I can see the links between the categories, but wonder why the unemployment category is not included in US. Presumably the responses given are just for those in work, and the 14,256 'inapplicable' responses are those not employed (unemployed, students, retired etc)?
Thanks
Ruth

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#3 - 04/29/2022 12:33 PM - Understanding Society User Support Team

Yes for jbnssec_dv unemployed is not included as an additional category, rather jbnssec_dv=-8 identifies those who said they didn't have a job last week (jbhas=2 & jboff=2). This is explained here
https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/documentation/mainstage/dataset-documentation/variable/jbnssec_dv

#4 - 06/06/2022 08:15 PM - Understanding Society User Support Team

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- % Done changed from 80 to 100

#5 - 08/22/2023 01:36 PM - Understanding Society User Support Team

- Category changed from Data analysis to Data documentation