

Understanding Society User Support - Support #173

Understanding "inapplicable"

07/19/2013 10:06 PM - Chris Martin

Status:	Closed	Start date:	07/19/2013
Priority:	Normal	% Done:	100%
Assignee:			
Category:	Data documentation		
Description <p>This is a general question. I've found that "inapplicable" is a common answer to many questions in the xwavedat dataset, and I've deduced that "inapplicable" can mean:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. the question was skipped due to a skip patternb. the question was never asked in years when the person participated in the surveyc. the question wasn't part of the survey, depending on interview typed. the question wasn't part of the survey for a regional samplee. some combination of the above <p>Is this correct? Also I've noticed that for every question in this dataset, 30% or higher of the values for any field are inapplicable/missing. Is there a general reason for this? Thank you.</p>			

History

#1 - 07/21/2013 06:25 PM - Redmine Admin

- % Done changed from 0 to 50

If this is a question concerning the UKHLS XWAVEDAT, then this file contains the latest valid response to a given item. If no valid responses are found, the missing value code -9 is assigned. To find out the specific reason for missingness in a given wave, it is necessary to look up the item in the response files of that wave. Generally, -8 would be if the respondent was routed out of the item, -7 if not asked during a proxy interview, -2 for refused, -1 for "don't know", and -9 for all other reasons. We have yet to update the XWAVEDAT for the BHPS entrants to UKHLS across all stable characteristics. This information is available on BHPS's cross-wave file of the same name.

Jakob

#2 - 07/22/2013 02:53 PM - Chris Martin

This question was actually concerning the BHPS. I do want to integrate the last two years of Understanding Society data into BHPS when I figure out the variable mapping. Is UKHLS the same as the US or the same as the BHPS?

#3 - 07/24/2013 05:29 PM - Redmine Admin

- Category set to Data documentation

- Target version set to BHPS

We will have to get back to you about the BHPS question - meanwhile; UKHLS is another name for *Understanding Society*.

Jakob

#4 - 08/19/2013 04:42 PM - Redmine Admin

- Status changed from New to Closed

- % Done changed from 50 to 100

You are correct that there are several possible reasons for inapplicability in BHPS's xwavedat. As for UKHLS, users should refer to the missing value coding on specific waves to gain more insight.

Jakob