

Understanding Society User Support - Support #1764

Identifying individual movers consistently across UKHLS and BHPS samples

08/30/2022 06:12 PM - Albert Ward

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Priority:	Normal	% Done:	100%
Assignee:			
Category:	Questionnaire content		
<p><b>Description</b></p> <p>Hi,</p> <p>I'm looking for a simple way to identify whether a participant has moved address in a consistent way for BHPS and UKHLS waves (I'm using the harmonised survey).</p> <p>I'm a little bit confused as to the best way to approach this. From what I can see, and from looking at other support tickets, I could use the BHPS variables <b>plnew</b> or <b>movest</b>, but I can't see an equivalent for UKHLS. From what I understand, <b>origadd</b> wouldn't be appropriate, because it's household-level, and <b>addrmov_dv</b> only measures postcode change, so wouldn't record any intra-postcode movement. I can also see <b>adcts</b>, but this isn't a computed variable based on address at current and previous wave.</p> <p>Other tickets: [[<a href="https://iserredex.essex.ac.uk/support/issues/688">https://iserredex.essex.ac.uk/support/issues/688</a>]]</p> <p>Would you be able to advise on this?</p> <p>Many thanks, Albert</p>			

History

#1 - 09/01/2022 05:29 PM - Understanding Society User Support Team

- Category set to Questionnaire content
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Hi Albert,

I'd say that adcts offers a fairly reasonable degree of comparability to the BHPS plnew, though the universe was different: the universe of adcts is much more complex and limited (if ff\_ivlowlw = 1 | ff\_everint = 1 (Interviewed at prior wave or has been interviewed previously) and if (HHGrid.OrigAdd = 1 & HHGrid.NewPer = 4) | (HHGrid.OrigAdd = 2 & HHGrid.NewPer = 2) (HH interviewed at current address previously and respondent is a continuing respondent or HH interviewed at different address previously and respondent is a rejoiner)) than the one of plnew which was asked of all respondents at each wave except of proxies, so you would need to filter out those extra people yourself.

I checked if there was a UKHLS equivalent to the BHPS movest, but couldn't find it. I will check what happened with the plan of creating such a variable mentioned earlier (<https://iserredex.essex.ac.uk/support/issues/688>)

Best wishes,  
Piotr,  
UKHLS User Support Team

#2 - 09/02/2022 10:31 AM - Understanding Society User Support Team

Two variables were created for UKHLS: distmov\_dv and addrmov\_dv. But these are not available for the moves between Waves 1 & 2. Please see the Variable Notes for further details of how these were created.  
[https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/documentation/mainstage/dataset-documentation/variable/addrmov\\_dv](https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/documentation/mainstage/dataset-documentation/variable/addrmov_dv)  
[https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/documentation/mainstage/dataset-documentation/variable/distmov\\_dv](https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/documentation/mainstage/dataset-documentation/variable/distmov_dv)

Hope this helps.  
Best wishes,  
Understanding Society User Support Team

#3 - 09/03/2022 02:07 PM - Albert Ward

Thanks for your answer,

Is addrmov\_dv a flag for address change, or postcode change? I was just wondering whether it would capture movement within postcodes (not that there would be many of these I guess).

Thanks,

**#4 - 10/12/2022 06:37 PM - Understanding Society User Support Team**

Hi Albert,

This is postcode change, not the exact address change.

Best wishes,  
Piotr,  
UKHLS User Support

**#5 - 10/13/2022 09:07 AM - Albert Ward**

Ok, that makes sense. Thanks for your help!

Best,  
Albert

**#6 - 10/20/2022 08:29 AM - Understanding Society User Support Team**

- *Status changed from Feedback to Resolved*

- *% Done changed from 80 to 100*