Understanding Society User Support - Support #1778

Asking about confusing variable in the birth date in UKHLS

10/07/2022 03:06 PM - Yi Wu

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Assignee:			
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Description

We have some questions about the variable, birth date in the ukhls dataset since WAVE 1
For example, for the Year of birth, all these variables are included in the dataset, but the value are inconsistent, such as
birthy: year of birth;
doby_dv: DOB: Year, derived
dcdoby: correct dob year

Corresponding to the birth date difference, there are different age for the same individual.
May I know which variable I should use to interpret the real date of birth for individuals?

History

#1 - 10/11/2022 09:24 AM - Understanding Society User Support Team

- Category set to Questionnaire content

- Status changed from New to Feedback

- % Done changed from 0 to 80

- Private changed from Yes to No

Dear Yi Wu,

These variables use a different source of information, you can check the questionnaires (
https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/documentation/mainstage/questionnaires) and the variable search for further details (
https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/documentation/mainstage/dataset-documentation). We recommend using doby_dv as this is the most
complete and "cleanest" variable derived by our Data Team from different sources.

Best wishes,
Piotr
UKHLS User Support Team

#2 - 11/30/2023 11:06 AM - Understanding Society User Support Team

- Status changed from Feedback to Resolved

- % Done changed from 80 to 100