Understanding Society User Support - Support #1800

Monthly variable on current labour force status

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Description

Dear Understanding Society User Support team,

I am using the variable jbstat "current labour force status". This is a yearly variable and reflects the respondent's situation at the time of the interview.

I am looking for a similar variable, but that gives the labour status activity by month. So it would be the same as jbstat, but with answers for each month. Apparently, there is not such variable in the Understanding Society, but there was a variable like that in the BHPS, which has been dropped.

Is there a way of creating a variable with job status information between one interview and the next? So we have a more detailed information on the respondent's economic activity between interviews and not only at the time of the interview?

Thanks you.

History

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Hello,

To get this monthly labour force status variable you will need the employment event history data. This is currently not provided.

In Wave the first quarter of the sample was asked their past employment history and the remaining 3/4 sample were asked this in Wave 5. From onwards Wave 2, everyone who had been interviewed before is asked of the changes to their employment status since the last interview. Using this information you can produce these monthly employment status variables. A researcher has done this and has provided the syntax file and guidance on how to do this here: https://github.com/ljwright/work-life-histories-ukhls-bhps

Hope this helps.

Best wishes,
Understanding Society User Support Team

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