

Understanding Society User Support - Support #1870

Inquiry on the data on place of birth

03/01/2023 10:40 AM - Xinyu Tao

<b>Status:</b>	Resolved	<b>Start date:</b>	03/01/2023
<b>Priority:</b>	Urgent	<b>% Done:</b>	100%
<b>Assignee:</b>			
<b>Category:</b>	Questionnaire content		
<b>Description</b> Dear officer,  May I get access to the data on individuals' places of birth, and how specific is this geographic location? Can it be detailed to the local government district or even ward level?  If this kind of data can be applied, can you please let me know which dataset it is?  Many thanks for your time and help.  Best regards, Karen			

History

#1 - 03/02/2023 12:10 PM - Understanding Society User Support Team

- Status changed from New to In Progress
- % Done changed from 0 to 10

Hello,

Can I ask how do you define the place of birth?

Best wishes,  
UKHLS User Support Team

#2 - 03/02/2023 12:11 PM - Understanding Society User Support Team

- Private changed from Yes to No

#3 - 03/03/2023 12:58 PM - Xinyu Tao

Understanding Society User Support Team wrote in [#note-1](#):

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Dear officer,

Thanks for your reply. I hope to access the data on the name of the person's birth location. It would be good if this location could be specified at the local government district level.

Best regards,  
Karen

Understanding Society User Support Team wrote in [#note-1](#):

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UKHLS User Support Team

**#4 - 03/09/2023 03:38 PM - Understanding Society User Support Team**

- *Category set to Questionnaire content*
- *Status changed from In Progress to Feedback*
- *% Done changed from 10 to 80*

Hello,

Unfortunately, we don't collect this information. We only collect information about the country of birth:

[https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/documentation/mainstage/dataset-documentation/variable/plbornc\\_all](https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/documentation/mainstage/dataset-documentation/variable/plbornc_all) Some proxy of the place of birth is available for children born in the households taking part of the study. In each wave we check whether there have been any newborns in the household since the last wave (check w\_newborn file), you could then check the location of the household in the wave in which the newborn was reported. This would also require applying for the geographical identifiers of your interest ( <https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/documentation/linked-data/geographical-identifiers>).

I hope this helps.

Best wishes,  
Piotr,  
UKHLS User Support

**#5 - 03/13/2023 10:48 AM - Understanding Society User Support Team**

Hello,

Moreover, for some respondents (the surviving BHPS sample members) you can also get the information on the district of birth:

<https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/documentation/mainstage/dataset-documentation/variable/plbornd>

Best wishes,  
Piotr  
UKHLS User Support

**#6 - 11/30/2023 12:54 PM - Understanding Society User Support Team**

- *Status changed from Feedback to Resolved*
- *% Done changed from 80 to 100*