

Understanding Society User Support - Support #1933

Linking individual data to mother's data in the BHPS

07/05/2023 03:49 PM - Dipanwita Ghatak

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Assignee:	Dipanwita Ghatak		
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Description			
Hello,			
I need to link individual level data on individuals aged 16-20 with their mother's data in the BHPS. My original objective is to obtain information on whether their mother worked when they were 14. For this, I have used the variables <code>maju</code> , <code>maju_bh</code> and <code>manssec8_dv</code> . However, even after accounting for the fact that these questions were only asked to new entrants in the survey, there are many missing values remaining.			
As an alternative, I am now planning to link individual observations with their mother's data from the <code>indresp</code> datafiles using the <code>mnpid_bh</code> linking variable. However, the problem that arises now is as follows: <code>mnpid_bh</code> gives the PID of the biological mother, instead of the PIDP. On the other hand, the BHPS <code>indresp</code> datafiles only contain the harmonised PIDP, and not the PID that was used in BHPS. The PID only appears when we append the BHPS with the UKHLS, in which case the PID is given only for those for those who appeared in both the BHPS as well as the UKHLS. For those who appeared only in the BHPS, I have only the PIDP and not the PID, and I cannot use the variable <code>mnpid_bh</code> to do the linking.			
My question is: is there any other datafile where the PID of all BHPS respondents is available (even those who did not carry over to the UKHLS)?			

History

#1 - 07/06/2023 01:41 PM - Understanding Society User Support Team

- Status changed from *New* to *Feedback*

- % Done changed from 0 to 70

Hi Dipanwita,

You say that "the BHPS `indresp` datafiles only contain the harmonised PIDP, and not the PID that was used in BHPS.", I checked both the SPSS and Stata versions of the most recent release of our data available on the UKDS website (study number 6614) and the BHPS `indresp` datafiles do include both `pidp` and `pid`. I'd recommend that you check if the data you're using is up-to-date and complete (e.g., you haven't dropped the `pid` var on some stage).

Best wishes,
Piotr Marzec
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