

## Understanding Society User Support - Support #1976

### Combing specific variables from two waves for cross-sectional analysis

09/20/2023 04:31 PM - Ilona Pinter

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<b>Category:</b>	Weights		
<b>Description</b>			
Hi there, I had a quick question: I am using household and individual-level wave 6 data for cross-sectional analysis but would like to integrate some individual-level variables from wave 7, namely the reasons for migration variables (mreason*). In w6 these were asked of the IEMB and in w7 of everyone else but they are not in the xwave datafile. I wanted to merge just the mreason info into the w6 datafiles, to add to the sample of people who have responded to these questions but using other w6 data for those individuals. Is this ok to do? Many thanks, Ilona			

#### History

##### #1 - 09/21/2023 09:55 AM - Understanding Society User Support Team

- Status changed from New to In Progress
- % Done changed from 0 to 10
- Private changed from Yes to No

Many thanks for your enquiry. The Understanding Society team is looking into it and we will get back to you as soon as we can. We aim to respond to simple queries within 48 hours and more complex issues within 7 working days.

Best wishes,  
Understanding Society User Support Team

##### #2 - 09/25/2023 02:03 PM - Understanding Society User Support Team

- Status changed from In Progress to Feedback
- % Done changed from 10 to 50

Hello Ilona,

Data from various waves can be merged for cross-sectional analysis, given that each of the 24 monthly samples is represented an equal number of times in the analysis dataset.

For detailed guidance, please refer to our "pooling data from different waves for cross-sectional analysis" section at

<https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/documentation/mainstage/user-guides/main-survey-user-guide/how-to-use-weights-analysis-guidance-for-weights-psu-strata>

I hope this information is helpful.

Best wishes,  
Roberto Cavazos  
Understanding Society User Support Team

##### #3 - 09/26/2023 11:14 AM - Understanding Society User Support Team

- Category set to Weights

##### #4 - 11/30/2023 01:31 PM - Understanding Society User Support Team

- Status changed from Feedback to Resolved
- % Done changed from 50 to 100