

Understanding Society User Support - Support #1985

Representativeness of housing tenure (tenure_dv)

10/24/2023 02:13 PM - Eoghan O'Brien

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Assignee:	Olena Kaminska		
Category:	Weights		
Description			
I am looking at wave 11 responses in the hhresp table for the breakdown of housing tenure (tenure_dv) at the household level.			
The screenshots attached include the % of each category (unweighted and weighted using "hhdenui_xw").			
Comparing these figures with census results for tenure status in England and Wales (% of households by tenure), it appears that the number of private renters (in USoc "Rented private unfurnished" and "Rented private furnished" appears to be under represented (11.7% when weighted) relative to the census figures for England and Wales in 2021 (20.3%). I have tried limiting the USoc sample to just England and Wales household, but it does not materially change the results.			
Link to census data here: https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/housing/bulletins/housingenglandandwales/census2021			
Any info on why I may be finding this discrepancy would be very much appreciated.			

History

#1 - 10/26/2023 09:28 AM - Understanding Society User Support Team

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Many thanks for your enquiry. We will look into this and get back to you.

Best wishes,

Understanding Society User Support Team

#2 - 10/26/2023 03:50 PM - Olena Kaminska

Dear Eoghan,

Thank you for your question. I am not an expert in the field, but looking at the question for Census 2021 for England (H11 here <file:///C:/Users/olena/Downloads/householdenglandpdf.pdf>), the categories do not seem to correspond well with UKHLS. For rented properties, Census asks - part owns/ part rents, rents and lives here rent free. UKHLS has categories (from your figure): local authority rent, housing association rented, rented from employer, rented private unfurnished and furnished. You may know this better, but I feel that all of these are rented, and from your figure there would be 26.69%. Not sure where category 'other would belong, and how part rented / part owned in Census would correspond to these.

I think the issue you observe is related to the use of different definitions for 'rented' between Census and UKHLS.

Hope this helps,

Olena

#3 - 10/27/2023 06:19 PM - Understanding Society User Support Team

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#4 - 11/30/2023 01:33 PM - Understanding Society User Support Team

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