

## Understanding Society User Support - Support #1991

### request explanation for variable 'Njbsp' in BHPS

11/06/2023 10:01 PM - Peijie Ju

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| <b>Assignee:</b>  | Peijie Ju         |                    |            |
| <b>Category:</b>  | Derived variables |                    |            |
| <b>Description</b>  |                   |                    |            |
| Dear officer,   |                   |                    |            |
| I hope you are doing well.  |                   |                    |            |
| I'm writing to request more explanation on a variable 'Njbsp' in BHPS.  |                   |                    |            |
| On the website, it's said this variable represents 'No. employment spells: year to Sept 1'. I wonder what the time window is? Or how this variable is derived? And if possible, is there a guidance about how the variables have been derived that I could take a look? |                   |                    |            |
| Thank you so much if you could help me understand more about the variables! It would be really helpful!   |                   |                    |            |
| Best regards,<br>Peijie   |                   |                    |            |

#### History

##### #1 - 11/07/2023 01:30 PM - Understanding Society User Support Team

- 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 - 11/07/2023 01:54 PM - Understanding Society User Support Team

- Status changed from New to Feedback

- % Done changed from 0 to 80

Hello,

Please see the note in the BHPS User Manual (<https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/sites/default/files/downloads/documentation/mainstage/user-guides/bhps-user-manual-volume-a.pdf>), App2-15:

"wNJ BSP

This measures the number of separate jobs (including self-employment spells) held in the reference year (1.9.9LY - 31.8.9TY). Different jobs held with the same employer are each counted.

Uses wJLYID wJBHAS wJBOFF wJBSTAT wCJSWK9 on Record wNDRESP. Uses wJSPNO wJHSTAT wJHSPW on Record wJOBHIST. "

and page A1-1 for the explanation of the abbreviations used above:

"Derived variables sometimes use data taken from earlier, and in some case, later waves. This is indicated by:

w-1 = indicates the year prior to the wave under investigation:

w+1 = indicates the year following the wave under investigation

LY = indicates the 12 months prior to the start of fieldwork (e.g. 1 September 1990 - 31 August 1991 for Wave One)

TY = indicates the present period, beginning at the 1 September on which fieldwork begins for a specific wave (e.g. 1 September 1991 for Wave One, 1 September 1992 for Wave Two, etc.)"

I hope this helps.

Best wishes,  
Piotr Marzec,  
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**#3 - 02/23/2024 02:22 PM - Understanding Society User Support Team**

- *Status changed from Feedback to Resolved*

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