

Understanding Society User Support - Support #2016

Family connections

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Description			
Hello,			
I have a few questions regarding family connections:			
1. I read the user guide for the family matrix (xhhrel) and want to ensure I understand how family connections are formed. As I understand it, information is collected for core sample members and their household members. So if I see a connection between an adult child and a parent, it means that they had to be cohabitating in one of the waves of the survey. Hence, if a person did not cohabit with their parents at any point, I wouldn't have any information regarding this family connection. Is that true?			
2. Suppose that the core sample member lived alone in waves 1-3, and then cohabited with their adult child in wave 4, and then the child moved out (from wave 5 onwards). Then, is the child being followed for the rest of the waves (4 and onwards), or is he being sampled just for the wave in which he cohabits with the core sample member (wave 4)?			
3. Does the family matrix contain connections made in the British Household Panel Survey as well, or only connections of family members cohabitating in understanding society?			
Thank you			

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Hello,

1. Yes, that is correct. However, you can find some information about non-resident family members provided by their relatives (so e.g. interviewed children by their parents who have never been interviewed), e.g. about some parents' characteristic (e.g. occupation - the masoc00_cc and pasoc00_cc variables) or if respondent ever had children (https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/documentation/mainstage/variables/anychild_dy/).
2. From what I can see in most waves there are cases who are natural children, they join their parent's household and are assigned the temporary sample member status. Then, in the next wave, if they no longer live with any of the parents, they are not interviewed. You can check it using egoalt files and the following variables: w_elwstat w_alwstat w_enwstat w_anwstat w_sampst
3. This file contains all enumerated and interviewed individuals in both, BHPS and UKHLS.

I hope this helps.

Best wishes,
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