

Understanding Society User Support - Support #2044

Old Westminster constituencies

01/31/2024 01:32 PM - Margherita Negri

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Priority:	Normal	% Done:	100%
Assignee:	Understanding Society User Support Team		
Category:	Data documentation		
Description			
Hello, I am trying to link survey responses to electoral results for the Westminster constituencies. I have obtained the information about the Westminster constituencies of the respondents. However, these seem to be the most recent constituencies. For elections before 2005, I am unable to assign some constituencies to individual responses because these constituencies only existed up to 2005. Would it be possible to obtain more accurate information about the exact Parliamentary constituency where the individual lived at the time they responded ? Thank you in advance.			

History

#1 - 02/01/2024 10:24 AM - Understanding Society User Support Team

- Category set to Data documentation
- Status changed from New to In Progress
- Assignee set to Understanding Society User Support Team
- % 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 - 02/05/2024 11:33 AM - Understanding Society User Support Team

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

Hello Margherita,

The geographical data files for all waves of UKHLS are generated, whenever feasible, from ONS Postcode Directories (ONSPD) corresponding to the approximate mid-point covered by each wave. Specifically, ONSPD May 2010 was used for wave 1, ONSPD May 2011 for wave 2, and so forth. For more information please refer to "Understanding Society Geographical Lookup Tables" at <https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/documentation/data-linkage/geographical-lookup-tables.pdf>

Please refer to Table 1 of the previously mentioned file and particularly to the variable "pcon" which provides information on Westminster parliamentary constituencies.

This information is released in the Special Licence dataset with the reference: [SN 6668 - Understanding Society: Waves 1-13, 2009-2022 and Harmonised BHPS: Waves 1-18, 1991-2009: Special Licence Access, Westminster Parliamentary Constituencies](#)

This data file includes the wave-specific household identifier (w_hidp) and the geographical locator variable "w_pcon".

I hope this information is helpful.

Best wishes,
Roberto Cavazos
Understanding Society User Support Team

#3 - 03/21/2024 04:28 PM - Understanding Society User Support Team

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