

Understanding Society User Support - Support #2049

Linking BHPS and US Dataset for special license data (6931)

02/07/2024 03:44 PM - Max Bradley

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Assignee:	Understanding Society User Support Team		
Category:	Data documentation		
Description			
<p>I am attempting to merge individual files from harmonised bhps and ukhls into long format. The datasets I am using are the special license datasets 6931. In the syntax provided in the documentation page, it uses the age_dv (i.e., derived variable). However, it seems that these dervide variables are not present in the BHPS indresp stata files. Could someone enlightened me as to whether I am missing something? Or perhaps, how to derive such variables myself?</p> <p>Many thanks</p>			

History

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Hello Max

The variable "age_dv" represents the age, in completed years, at the time of the interview. It is calculated using the date of birth stored in the sample administration database and the interview date (intdatd_if, intdatm_if, intdaty_if). If the date of birth is missing, it uses current and previous wave values of "dvage" to compute "doby_dv".

To create your own variable, you'll need access to [SN6931](#) for the month of birth, which you already have, and to [SN6676](#) (a controlled study) for the day of birth. For access levels and conditions, please refer to this link <https://ukdataservice.ac.uk/find-data/access-conditions/>.

Alternatively, you may consider using the BHPS variable "bw_age," which measures the age at the date of the interview. You could rename or create a new variable, i.e., "age_proxy" to match the name in both studies and continue using the syntax mentioned.

I hope this information is helpful.

Best wishes,
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