Understanding Society User Support - Support #2111

Current economic activity & current job

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Description

Dear members of the support team,

I am using the thirteen waves of UKHLS to analyse educational mismatch. To generate a variable that establishes if the current job fits the interviewee's educational level (educational attainment), I have to ensure that the interviewee is currently working. I used the variable 'current job' for this purpose, and I was confident that all the missing cases in this variable corresponded to jobless situations among the members of the sample. Yet, just by chance, I have made a cross-tabulation between 'current economic activity' and 'current job' (image attached) and I have realised that there are many observations in which an occupation appears in 'cjob_8cat' but they do not correspond to individuals who are self-employed or in paid employment. On the contrary, there seems to be a lot of people who appear as retired, or unemployed... but they have a job and occupation assigned.

I'm rather puzzled.

Any support in this regard would be much appreciated

Thanks for your attention and best wishes

Luis Ortiz

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Hello Luis

Questions about the current occupation (from which NSSEC is derived) are asked of those who say they either did paid work last week (jbhas=1) or didn't do that but did have a job (jbhas=2 & jboff=1). But in "jbstat" respondents report their main activity status. So, it is possible that someone considers themselves to be retired and so chose jbstat=4, but had a job in the week before the interview and so chose jbhas=1. In this case, they will get asked follow-up questions about their current employment which includes occupation - and hence will have a valid NSSEC value.

Here is a script check for wave 12
gen employed =1 if l_jbstat==1 | l_jbstat==2 | l_jbstat==5 | l_jbstat==14
replace employed =2 if l_jbstat==3
recode employed (miss=0)
lab define employed 1 "1. employed" 2 "2. unemployed" 0 "0. out of labour"
label val employed employed
tablbl l_jbnssec8_dv employed if l_jbnssec8_dv >0 //gives you 0 = 901, 1 = 14,704 and 2 = 37

From those 938 not employed and with some NSSEC classification, 636 have jbhas = 1 and 302 have jboff = 1

I hope this information is helpful.

Best wishes,
Roberto Cavazos
Understanding Society User Support Team

#2 - 05/29/2024 12:48 PM - Luis Ortiz

This is very useful and clarifying, Roberto.

Many thanks for your assistance with this

Best wishes

Luis Ortiz

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