

## Understanding Society User Support - Support #2168

### understanding society dataset timeline

10/24/2024 10:18 AM - Raffaele Ciula

<b>Status:</b>	Resolved	<b>Start date:</b>	10/24/2024
<b>Priority:</b>	High	<b>% Done:</b>	100%
<b>Assignee:</b>	Understanding Society User Support Team		
<b>Category:</b>	Data documentation		
<b>Description</b>			
Dear ISER staff,			
my name is Raffaele Ciula and I would like to use the Understanding society dataset to assess the effect of the universal credit on child health using a longitudinal quasi-experimental analysis.			
I have few questions regarding the structure of the understanding society dataset:			
I would like to make a difference between outcome variables between the wave seven and the wave nine. What does it mean that the wave 7 includes the years 2013-2015, that it is three years time? Also, as the wave 7 (2013-2015) and the wave 9 (2015-2017) have an overlapping year, does this mean that I cannot use these wave to make differences between outcome variables between those waves (for example difference between children's health status in the period 2015-2017 and the children's health status in the period 2013-2015)?			
I would like to use the wave 9, but the special licence forms are difficult to understand and to fill, is there a free version of the understanding society regarding the 9th wave?			
Can you help me fill the UK data service special licence form? I sent an email to the UK data service staff last week, but I have not received any help yet. If you can help me, I will send you the questions which are difficult to understand and to answer. If you cannot help me can you suggest me an email address to which I can ask for help regarding filling the special licence form? Thanks for your help;			
Best Regards,			
Raffaele Ciula			

### History

#### #1 - 10/24/2024 12:39 PM - Understanding Society User Support Team

- File 6931\_eul\_vs\_sl\_variable\_differences.pdf added
- Category set to Data documentation
- Status changed from New to Feedback
- % Done changed from 0 to 70
- Private changed from Yes to No

Dear Raffaele,

1. We aim to interview households and individuals at roughly one-year intervals. You can check the gap between interviews in consecutive waves by comparing the dates stored in the interview date variables:

Individual (indall, indresp files): intdatd\_dv, intdatm\_dv, intdaty\_dv

Household (hhresp file): intdated, intdatem, intdatey

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2. The fieldwork spans two years, so when you check the study timeline, it will show, for example, that wave 1 ran from 2009 to 2010.

It's possible that two people could be interviewed in wave 1 and wave 2, but with different timing:

Person 1: Wave 1 interview in 2009, Wave 2 interview in 2010

Person 2: Wave 1 interview in 2010, Wave 2 interview in 2011

Even though the fieldwork for wave 1 and wave 2 overlaps, it's still possible to perform within-person comparisons, as the gap between interviews for each person is approximately one year.

Regarding the Special Licence, support for this is handled by the UK Data Service. However, I recommend checking first if you actually need the Special Licence. Start by reviewing the data available from this download: <https://beta.ukdataservice.ac.uk/datacatalogue/studies/study?id=6614>. I'm also attaching a file that outlines which variables are only included under the Special Licence.

I hope this helps.

Piotr Marzec,  
UKHLS User Support

**#2 - 10/30/2024 03:05 PM - Understanding Society User Support Team**

- Status changed from *Feedback* to *Resolved*
- % Done changed from 70 to 100

Answered in <https://iserredex.essex.ac.uk/support/issues/2170>

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