

Understanding Society User Support - Support #2193

Paygu\_dv: difference between EUL and special licence data

01/15/2025 06:10 PM - Nico Ochmann

<b>Status:</b>	Feedback	<b>Start date:</b>	01/15/2025
<b>Priority:</b>	High	<b>% Done:</b>	50%
<b>Assignee:</b>	Understanding Society User Support Team		
<b>Category:</b>	Income		
<b>Description</b> Dear Team, I would like to know whether the wage data in the EUL version of Understanding Society is top coded or censored. Thanks Nico			

History

#1 - 01/16/2025 09:33 AM - Understanding Society User Support Team

- Category changed from Derived variables to Income
- Status changed from New to Feedback
- Assignee changed from Alita Nandi to Understanding Society User Support Team
- % Done changed from 0 to 50
- Private changed from Yes to No

Hello Nico,

Reported and imputed income and investment amounts have been top-coded to protect respondent confidentiality. Specifically:

- Individual earnings, self-employment profits, investment income, and rent have been top-coded at £100,000 per annum (or the monthly equivalent), after accounting for tax and National Insurance for net incomes.
- Income sources (e.g. paygu\_dv, payu\_dv, etc) have been top-coded at ±£8,333 per month (or the equivalent net amount).

For access to income and investment data without top-coding, the Special Licence version of the dataset (SN 6931) is available here <https://beta.ukdataservice.ac.uk/datacatalogue/studies/study?id=6931>

You can find more details in the "Imputation flags and top-coding of income variables" section of the user guide here: <https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/documentation/mainstage/user-guides/main-survey-user-guide/imputation-flags-and-top-coding-of-income-variables/>

I hope this information is helpful.

Best wishes,  
Roberto Cavazos  
Understanding Society User Support Team

#2 - 01/16/2025 10:16 AM - Nico Ochmann

Dear Roberto,  
thanks a lot for this great reply, much appreciated.  
I hope you have a good day.  
Best,  
Nico