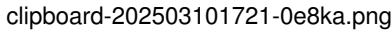


## Understanding Society User Support - Support #2223

### Questions of variable lvreladp1 and lvrel1

03/10/2025 05:23 PM - SHUQI LYU

<b>Status:</b>	Feedback	<b>Start date:</b>	03/10/2025
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<b>Assignee:</b>	Understanding Society User Support Team		
<b>Category:</b>	Data documentation		
<b>Description</b>			
<p>Hello, I have a question about variable lvreladp1 and lvrel1. These two variables are about mother not living in the household. And this mother can be biological/step/adoptive mother.</p> <p>There is another variable name npns_dv in file indresp, it means number of respondent's biological/step/adoptive parents in household.</p> <p>Using wave 13 as an example, code is shown below.</p> <pre>use "m_indresp.dta" tab m_npns_dv m_lvrel1</pre> <p></p> <p>There are 576 respondents who have two biological/step/adoptive parents in household, and report the mother is not live in household. I want to enquire the reason of this situation.</p> <p>Thanks.</p>			

### History

#### #1 - 03/11/2025 03:48 PM - SHUQI LYU

More details of the question:

If a person have none biological/step/adoptive parent (npns\_dv==0) in the household, and report lvrel1==0 & lvrel2==0. Can we consider this person have no alive parent?

#### #2 - 03/14/2025 01:27 AM - Understanding Society User Support Team

- Category set to Data documentation
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Hello Shuqi,

The variable npns\_dv accounts not only for biological parents but also for step and adoptive parents. Therefore, using npn\_dv would be more accurate in this case. Additionally, this variable is gender-neutral, meaning that the coding (1 or 2) could correspond to either a male or female.

To ensure comparability with lvrel1, you would need to match the pidp values (576 + 268) with the egoalt file to identify the parents. Then, filter for parents where sex = female to align with the intended comparison.

You should also review the syntax used to create npns\_dv and npn\_dv. Here are the relevant links:

- pnpno creates, among other variables, npn\_dv:  
<https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/documentation/main-survey/syntax/stata/pnpno.do>
- pnspro creates npns\_dv:  
<https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/documentation/main-survey/syntax/stata/pnspro.do>

Regarding the lvrel - living relatives question, its interpretation could be subjective and depends on how respondents perceive their family relationships. While families can be complex, the response options do distinguish between "mother" (biological mother) and "step/adoptive mother." Ideally, this should help respondents differentiate their responses and exclude foster parents, in-laws, or others who are not explicitly categorised. However, ultimately, it depends on their personal interpretation.

Therefore, I would recommend prioritising relationships derived from the egoalt file to ensure consistency.

Furthermore, the question "lvrel" is coded as "select all that apply" turning to variables lvrel1 to lvrel10 and lvrel96. This means that if the variable has a value of 1, the option is indicated (i.e., the family member is mentioned). A value of 0 indicates the option was not selected. If the family member is not mentioned, it either means they live in the same household or, if they do not, they are no longer alive.

I hope this information is helpful.

Best wishes,  
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Understanding Society User Support Team

**#3 - 03/24/2025 03:48 PM - SHUQI LYU**

Thanks Roberto, your response is helpful.

Shuqi

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