

Understanding Society User Support - Support #2293

Wages/Pay in Sterling

11/12/2025 11:50 AM - Damien Cassells

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Priority:	Normal	% Done:	50%
Assignee:	Understanding Society User Support Team		
Category:	Data documentation		
Description			
Hi, I am wondering if there is a variable that records respondents pay in £. I note questions on pay periods but have not seen a currency amount. I note for self-employed there is profit data collected.			
Thank you,			
Damien.			

History

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- Category changed from Questionnaire content to Data documentation
- Status changed from New to Feedback
- Assignee changed from Damien Cassells to Understanding Society User Support Team
- % Done changed from 0 to 50
- Private changed from Yes to No

Hello Damien,

You may want to look at "paygl", which refers to gross pay at last payment, or "payu", which refers to usual pay. To find more information about these variables, you can use our Mainstage Variables search at <https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/documentation/mainstage/variables/>.

I also recommend reviewing the section on Derived income variables (<https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/documentation/mainstage/user-guides/main-survey-user-guide/derived-income-variables/>) in the Main Survey User Guide to see how income variables are organised within the study.

In addition, you might want to check Component 1: Labour income (fimnlabnet_dv), which forms part of total individual income. Labour income is the sum of three earnings components: (1) net usual pay (paynu_dv), (2) net self-employment income (seearnnet_dv) and (3) net pay in second job (j2paynet_dv).

Finally, Understanding Society Working Paper No. 2019-08: Understanding Society and its Income Data provides a comprehensive overview of income measures and can be accessed here <https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/working-papers/2019-08.pdf>.

I hope this information is helpful.

Best wishes,
Roberto Cavazos
Understanding Society User Support Team

#2 - 11/12/2025 05:31 PM - Damien Cassells

Thank you Roberto, this is most helpful and appreciated.

Best wishes,

Damien.