

Understanding Society User Support - Support #2299

indresp.dta: hcondn6 and hcondn7 variables discrepancy

11/27/2025 06:38 PM - Camilla Bianchi

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Assignee:	Camilla Bianchi		
Category:	Data inconsistency		

Description

Dear Sir/Madame,

I am using the indresp datasets from all the waves. I noticed that the variables hcondn6 and hcondn7 (newly diagnosed heart attacks and strokes) reported as 1 ("mentioned") represent around the 0.2%-0.35% of the total number of observations per wave except from wave J, the 10th, where they represent 1.7-1.8%. Is there any particular reason from this sharp increase in the number of reported diseases? It seems weird as the total number of observations is consistently decreasing over the waves, there was no sample boost, and the universe of individuals to whom the question is applied remained unchanged.

How should I interpret this data discrepancy? Was there any policy, campaign or incentive to test for cardiovascular risks? that brought to a sharp increase in the number of diagnoses?

To clarify the issue I attach an excel file reporting the number of newly mentioned heart attacks and strokes over all the waves, along with the share over the total observations.

Thank you and best regards,
Camilla

History

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- File FAQ_HCOND v.20230814.pdf added
- Category changed from Data analysis to Data inconsistency
- Status changed from New to Feedback
- % Done changed from 0 to 60
- Private changed from Yes to No

Dear Camilla,

This may be related to the change in how some of the health conditions questions were asked. Please see the attached FAQ for further details. Let us know if this answers your question.

Best wishes,
UKHLS User Support Team

Files

hcondn6_hcondn7_discrepancy.xlsx	11 KB	11/27/2025	Camilla Bianchi
FAQ_HCOND v.20230814.pdf	316 KB	11/29/2025	Understanding Society User Support Team