

Understanding Society User Support - Support #2324

ukborn variable

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Assignee:	Understanding Society User Support Team		
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Description

Hi,

Sorry if this is a silly question, I'm still getting to grips with the dataset and coding with R. I just redownloaded "Understanding Society: Waves 1-15, 2009-2024 and Harmonised BHPS: Waves 1-18, 1991-2009" to check, but the values given for the ukborn variable on xwavedat.dta (shown below) don't match with the values shown on the ukborn variable on your website. Am I missing something or is this normal?

ukborn	n
<dbl+lbl>	<int>
1 -9 [missing]	52325
2 1 [Yes, England]	71020
3 2 [Yes, Scotland]	10661
4 3 [Yes, Wales]	7110
5 4 [Yes, Northern Ireland]	6697
6 5 [Not born in the UK]	19395

Thank you very much,
Emily

History

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Hi Emily,

The numbers in the latest wave files should align with the numbers on the website. From what I can see, the numbers displayed in your table come from the wave 14 release of the xwavedat file, so you can recheck if you haven't accidentally created this table using older data.

Best wishes,
Piotr Marzec
UKHLS User Support