

Understanding Society User Support - Support #293

Is further documentation available as to how the REGION geographies have been constructed for BHPS?

08/04/2014 11:17 AM - Chanuki Seresinhe

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Assignee:			
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Description			
I have data that I need to match up with BHPS data and my data is only available in Longitude/Latitude format.			
Therefore, I wanted to know if there is any further documentation as to how the REGION geographies (as noted below) have been constructed as the GOR regions are not as specific as I need for my research. At this moment it is also not possible to apply for Conditional Access to gain access to the LSOA regions.			
Variable = AREGION			
Variable label = Region / Metropolitan Area			
Inner London			
Outer London			
R. of South East			
South West			
East Anglia			
East Midlands			
West Midlands Conurbation			
R. of West Midlands			
Greater Manchester			
Merseyside			
R. of North West			
South Yorkshire			
West Yorkshire			
R. of Yorks & Humberside			
Tyne & Wear			
R. of North			
Many thanks in advance for your help, Chanuki Seresinhe			

History

#1 - 08/18/2014 02:21 PM - Redmine Admin

- Category set to Special license
- Status changed from New to In Progress
- Target version set to BHPS
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REGION is constructed from metropolitan counties and standard statistical regions.

It should however be easier to work with the more commonly used geographies released under special licence. In principle this FAQ also applies to BHPS users:

https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/support/projects/support/wiki/Is_it_possible_to_merge_in_data_on_geographical_identifiers_eg_Census_information

Jakob

#2 - 08/25/2014 01:26 PM - Chanuki Seresinhe

Thank you for your response. Is there further guidance as to how the metropolitan counties have been constructed?

I have data which is in latitude and longitude format so I need to know what the spatial boundaries are to match the data. A shape file would be ideal, however after contacting EDINA they have responded that "Many of these datasets need to be made up from the underlying output geographies and don't reflect current administrative geographies as provided through datasets such as OS Boundary Line or standard geographies from ONS."

Ideally it would be great to do some preliminary research prior to applying for a special license.

Thank you,
Chanuki

Redmine Admin wrote:

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#3 - 08/26/2014 09:40 AM - Redmine Admin

We have a similar starting point to you in postcode centroids, which we make available under the Secure Data Access agreement or use to create a set of Special Licence lookup tables to standard geographies all of which have corresponding Ordnance Survey boundary datasets. You are in other words not tied to work with BHPS's REGION variable, but should have a lot flexibility to chose the most appropriate geography for your research question.

Jakob

#4 - 09/11/2014 02:08 PM - Redmine Admin

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