

Understanding Society User Support - Support #391

job tenure variable in Understanding Society

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Description			
Dear support team			
I'm using both Understanding Society dataset and the BHPS dataset to estimate a wage equation. In the BHPS dataset there is a variable WCJSTEN (Length (days) current labour market sp) which measures the length of time in the current labour market spell, whether, employee, self employed or not employed in number of days. but I'm having trouble to find a similar variable in the Understanding Society dataset. Any inputs on the question will be much appreciated.			
Thank you			
Jun			

History

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Dear Jun

we do not presently provide an indicator for the length of employment spells. It is possible to derive this from the interview dates and the employment status change variables, which include the end dates of each spell. Deriving this will require quite a bit of data work and making assumptions about how to deal with missing data on, e.g., the start date of an employment spell. Lookout for these variables `_empstend*` `_nxtstend*` `_statend*` `_jbend*` for dates associated with spell ends. It is also good to check the questionnaire modules for the the routing.

Seeing as you are working with the BHPS sample you will also have to address the issue that the time since the last interview is much longer - around 2 years on average - for BHPS sample members from BHPS Wave 18 to Understanding Society Wave 2.

Hope this helps,
Gundi

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