

Understanding Society User Support - Support #424

Proxies in general, how do they work?

09/29/2015 11:12 AM - Vernon Hedge

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Description			
I am looking at data from Wave C, file name c_indresp.sav SPSS file.			
I am very interested in targeting households that contain at least 2 siblings. A frequency tabulation of the variables "respondent has a sibling in the household" (c_psiblings) gives:			
Proxy = 3,836 yes = 4,496 no = 41,407 Total = 49,739			
Inspecting the Data View there are indeed a total of 49,739 cases. So this tabulation seems to be exhaustive, as the sum of the proxy + yes + no responses does = 49,739. My question is, are the 3,836 proxy responses equivalent to a "yes" response?			
I can find no relevant advice in the user guide when I search it by variable name or by "proxy", and no relevant advice in the forums. I am confused because if, using the same file, I tabulate the frequencies of the variable "year individual interview started" (c_isyear) I get,			
proxy = 3,836 2011 = 26,898 2012 = 17,934 2013 = 1,071 Total = 49,739			
Which means the ACTUAL totals of the categories 2011, 2012 and 2013 are uncertain (as it stands) as the given values cannot include the proxy responses, yet, conceivably, some of these 3,836 proxy responses may be from respondents whose interview start year was either 2011, 2012, or 2013 - or some other year.			
Any clarification would be very gratefully appreciated.			

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This variable is an intermediate variable computed by the interviewing scripts and there are other more comprehensive sources for household composition and interrelationships, see especially the user guide's coverage of the egoalt file, relationship grid and relationship pointers. On behalf of the team, Jakob

#2 - 10/01/2015 09:40 PM - Vernon Hedge

Thanks Jakob!

I had begun working with the c_egoalt file. I am adding variables according to suitability on to a subset of sibling cases there. When I complete this I will then try to figure out how to remove duplicates of the same individuals ("pidp"s) as the egoalt files have cases of relationships between individuals - which means individuals often appear more than once.

The information you gave will also be useful with similar conundrums in the future. Thanks again, very much! Vernon

#3 - 10/08/2015 05:22 PM - Alita Nandi

Hello Vernon,

As a general rule if any of the response outcomes say proxy (value = -7) it means that this was a proxy interview (that is someone else was responding on behalf of the sample member) and this question was not asked.

If you want to know more about how to use egoalt file you can take a look at our online course "Introduction to Understanding Society using SPSS" where a section ("How to use the EGOALT files") is devoted to it.

To register for the online course see:

<https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/documentation/training/online>

If you have further questions please let us know.

On behalf of the team

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