# Understanding Society User Support - Support #449

## Sexuality Variable

11/16/2015 03:00 PM - Alex Best

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**Description**

Hi,

I have downloaded understanding society's dataset and have realised the variable c_sexuor which should be in dataset "c_indresp" is not actually there. This document suggests it should be:
https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/documentation/mainstage/dataset-documentation/wave/3/datafile/c_indresp/variable/c_sexuor

Please could you either send me an updated version of the dataset or let me know why the sexual orientation variable is not in the dataset.

**History**

**#1 - 11/16/2015 03:19 PM - Redmine Admin**

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When I downloaded the data from UKDS a minute ago it was there(?).
On behalf of the team, Jakob

**#2 - 11/16/2015 07:24 PM - Alex Best**

I have just redownloaded it and it works, thank you! When I download the STATA version of the dataset I get the different waves and within the waves you get lot's of different files e.g. c_income, c_indresp etc. but what do the different files represent?

**#3 - 11/17/2015 09:10 AM - Redmine Admin**

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The various files are described here: https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/documentation/mainstage/dataset-documentation
The main files are indresp (adult questionnaire), hhresp (household questionnaire) , and youth (youth questionnaire).
Examples of data analysis can be found in the free materials offered by the training team (incl. online courses) here:
https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/documentation/training
On behalf of the team, Jakob

**#4 - 11/19/2015 09:48 PM - Alex Best**

Thank you. I have just had a look at the descriptions of the waves. However, I cannot find the sexuality variable in waves 4 and 5?? In wave 3 it is c_sexuor, and I know there is no sexuality variable in waves 1 and 2. Can you please tell me if there is a sexuality variable in waves 4 and 5?

**#5 - 11/20/2015 09:22 AM - Redmine Admin**

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https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/search?q=*sexuor*&t=mainstage_variable
The question was on the adult self-completion questionnaire (CASI mode) at Wave 3 and again at Wave 5. At Wave 5 only 16-21 year olds were asked. NB Wave 5 data launched yesterday.
On behalf of the team, Jakob

**#6 - 11/20/2015 01:55 PM - Alex Best**

Ahhh ok, thanks, so for indresp (i.e. the adult questionnaire) are the people interviewed in wave 1 different to the people interviewed in wave 2,3,4

and 5?

### #7 - 11/20/2015 02:07 PM - Redmine Admin

We follow, in short, individuals and their households over time; https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/about/longitudinal-studies-guide

### #8 - 11/20/2015 03:13 PM - Alex Best

Ok, but are all the adult self-completion questionnaires done with interviewers face-to-face or over the telephone or do they get sent the forms and they fill it out then send it to Understanding Society?

### #9 - 11/20/2015 03:22 PM - Alita Nandi

Adults (16+) are interviewed mostly F2F (with some exceptions). Those who complete F2F interviews are also asked to fill in a self-completion questionnaire (paper, then CASI from W3).

Please see the User guide (esp. Section 2.3)
https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/d/218/6614_UserManual_Wave1to5_v1.1.pdf?1446134584

On behalf of the team.

### #10 - 11/20/2015 05:23 PM - Alex Best

Thanks.

I have had a look at income data within indresp on stata and the majority of respondents have said inapplicable to things such as hourly pay, annual pay etc. Why is this? Do you have an income variable within indresp that accurately portrays the interviewees income without the majority choosing inapplicable or don't know?

### #11 - 11/20/2015 05:28 PM - Alita Nandi

Any job related question will be inapplicable for those who do not have a job. Please refer to the specific questions in the questionnaire and look at the "Universe".

You can find questionnaires here: https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/documentation/mainstage/questionnaires

Also refer to the User Guide section on imputation of income and other variables.

On behalf of the team.

### #12 - 11/24/2015 09:48 PM - Alex Best

Thank you, I have read the imputation of income and other variables section. However, it doesn't say which questionnaire the wage question is asked in. I know total personal income is asked in the individual adult self completion questionnaire, but I was looking for the wage variable. Which file is this in? Also, the link you provided has 5 questionnaires in the study, but when I download the dataset, there are approximately 14 different datasets within each wave which I assumed was a questionnaire. Therefore, out of these datasets where is the wage variable found? Or hourly wage variable?

Thanks

### #13 - 11/25/2015 10:20 AM - Gundi Knies

Hi Alex,
the online data set documentation includes a brief description of the content of the data files which you are unsure about. You can see there that information from interviews with adults (incl. the adult self-completion) is stored in the INDRESP data files. Hence, it is always a good idea to look there in the first instance.

As to finding information in the study and information on where the variable is stored, probably the best way to do this is to use the online data documentation and search for mainstage variables. The imputed variable is called _paygu_dv  so you may want to use the search term "pay" (rather than "wage"). When you use the search engine you'll get all variables that include pay in the variable name or labels, and the information is linked to the variable level view of the variable, where you see in which data file the information is stored. You will also see a wave-specific frequency table and you can click through to the questionnaire, or to the frequency table of the same information in other waves.

Have you seen our online training course materials? The course contains worksheets on how the online documentation can be used, which survey instruments we use and where the information is stored. Here is a link to the online training courses:
https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/documentation/training/online

Hope this helps,
Gundi

### #14 - 12/09/2015 12:26 PM - Alex Best

Thank you!

I was just wondering how do I find out what the "proxy" answers refer to? I assume proxy means other people in the household filled in the sexuality answer for someone else so it's a proxy and not been put in heterosexual, homosexual etc. Therefore, how do I put them into their respective

categories?

**#15 - 12/14/2015 12:21 PM - Alita Nandi**

Hi Alex,

Proxy interview: When a person is unable to give an interview, in some cases, their spouse or adult children, who may know the basic details about then to give the interview on their behalf. As it is someone else answering on their behalf, questions are restricted to very basic factual information. None of the self-completion questions (as these are sensitive) or any other attitudinal (subjective measures, values, beliefs etc) are asked as we don't expect someone else to be able to answer these questions on the respondents behalf.

When a question is not included in the proxy interview questionnaire, you will see that the value of that variable for the proxy respondents is -7. This means that this cannot be recoded into any of the valid response categories as this is missing data - it was not asked.

These type of data issues are explained in the training material as Gundi has suggested.

Best wishes,
On behalf of the team.

**#16 - 12/23/2015 10:38 AM - Redmine Admin**

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