

## Understanding Society User Support - Support #500

### ever had/fathered children

02/08/2016 11:14 AM - Charlie Owen

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Assignee:	Charlie Owen		
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#### Description

In the indresp file there is a variable lprnt: Variable label = ever had/fathered children

I am analysing wave 3 data, and this variable has far fewer answers from female respondents than male, but females have more 'inapplicable':

sex corrected \* ever had/fathered children Crosstabulation  
Count  
ever had/fathered children                    Total  
missing    inapplicable    refusal    don't know    yes    no  
sex corrected    male    4    19516    1    2    1689    1576    22788  
female    2    25116    2    0    762    1069    26951  
Total        6    44632    3    2    2451    2645    49739

I have looked at the questionnaire, and I cannot spot a routing that would lead to fewer female respondents. I also cannot see how the variable gets coded as 'inapplicable'.

Is there another variable for the children females have ever had?

#### History

#1 - 02/09/2016 01:40 PM - Victoria Nolan

- File Charlie Owen - case 500 - table sex corrected.docx added
- Category set to Data analysis
- Status changed from New to In Progress
- Assignee set to Alita Nandi
- % Done changed from 0 to 10

Dear Charlie,

Many thanks for your enquiry. I have attached the table here in a word document. We will look into your query and get back to you as soon as we can.

Best wishes, Victoria

On behalf of the Understanding Society User Support Team

#2 - 02/16/2016 05:50 PM - Alita Nandi

Hi Charlie,

This question is only asked of those who report NO BIOLOGICAL CHILDREN in the household. Given that children are more likely to live with their mothers, it is likely that the % of women who say yes to this question is lower than the % of men who say yes. Also, after wave 1 it is only asked of new entrants and rising 16s. Check the UNIVERSE below LPRNT in the questionnaire - where the filtering is specified. Then those who say they have any children in the household (NNATCH>0) and those who say they ever had any children although they don't have any children in the household (LPRNT=1) are asked about the number of these children (LNRPNT). To find out the total number of natural children for a person you will need to use both C\_NNATCH and C\_LNRPNT. But in wave 3 this will not be asked of those who have already been interviewed in waves 1 or 2. You will need to pick up this information from the first two waves for these people.

Using these two variables for wave 1, you will find that the proportion of women who report ever having a child is 72% while for men the number is 62%.

Best wishes,  
Alita

#3 - 02/16/2016 05:51 PM - Alita Nandi

- Assignee changed from Alita Nandi to Charlie Owen

- % Done changed from 10 to 90

**#4 - 02/29/2016 02:21 PM - Victoria Nolan**

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- % Done changed from 90 to 100

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