

## Understanding Society User Support - Support #532

### what is the head of household variable

03/18/2016 05:17 PM - audrina li

<b>Status:</b>	Closed	<b>Start date:</b>	03/18/2016
<b>Priority:</b>	High	<b>% Done:</b>	100%
<b>Assignee:</b>	audrina li		
<b>Category:</b>	Data analysis		
<b>Description</b> <p>I'm trying to identify the variable of the head of household to be combined with the head data from BHPS. BHPS has this direct indicator, however I searched every data set in the Understanding Society and could find it.</p> <p>I also searched online and found that the head of household is called the reference person here. It says that people who answered the household survey is the reference person (or head of household). I looked at the household survey data (_hhresp) and there is more than one person who answered the survey (I used the variable _jvh1 to _jvh16).</p> <p>Could you please help and direct me to the right variable of head of household? Thanks!</p>			

#### History

##### #1 - 03/21/2016 02:13 PM - Victoria Nolan

- Category set to Data analysis
- Status changed from New to Feedback
- Assignee set to audrina li
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Dear Audrina,

Many thanks for your enquiry. Two previous posts in the forum have responded to the question of identifying the household reference person. Please refer to:

<https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/support/issues/492>

<https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/support/issues/489>

We are currently updating our "Frequently Asked Questions" section and will make sure there is a section on this.

We hope this helps - please don't hesitate to ask if you have any further questions.

Best wishes, Victoria

On behalf of the Understanding Society Data User Support Team

##### #2 - 04/04/2016 03:49 PM - Victoria Nolan

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- % Done changed from 80 to 100