

Understanding Society User Support - Support #553

Measuring highest level of education in both the BHPS and US data

04/26/2016 03:38 PM - vanessa gash

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Assignee:	vanessa gash		
Category:	Derived variables		
Description Dear Victoria, I noted that you responded to a colleague's question on this matter, but provided the solution via email, so I was unable to access your solution. (https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/support/issues/488). I am using the BHPS and US as repeat cross-sections and am trying to control for differences between respondents in their educational levels. The BHPS has a variable which measures respondents highest educational level, the US appears not to (is this correct?). The only variable I can access using US is qfhigh, but this appears not to be asked of all respondents, at least not from 2010 onwards. Also, am I correct in thinking that weights provided for US does not allow one to use the data as repeat cross sections (I am hoping for an equivalent of the BHPS variable: xrwght). My best regards, Vanessa.			

History

#1 - 04/26/2016 03:47 PM - Victoria Nolan

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- Assignee set to Gundi Knies
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Hi Vanessa,

Many thanks for your enquiry and for transferring it to the user support forum.

Please can I refer you to issue 551 (<https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/support/issues/551>) which itself refers to the detailed response provided in 399 (<https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/support/issues/399>) - we hope this helps.

My colleague Gundi can also add to this response with the code to derived hiqua1_dv for the BHPS - I have therefore assigned this issue over to her to be updated further.

The cross-sectional weights in Understanding Society can be used for repeated cross-sections. Please refer to the user guide section on weights (<https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/documentation/mainstage>) which provides an overview on which weights are provided and what they adjust for. Which weight to pick will depend on your research question.

Best wishes, Victoria.

#2 - 04/26/2016 07:15 PM - Gundi Knies

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- File Look_up_hiqua1_dv.pdf added
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Hi Vanessa,

further to Victoria's response, I am now uploading the code that we run to create a proxy for the Understanding Society variable _hiqua1_dv in the BHPS. The education and highest qualification data have obviously been collected in a very different fashion so it will always be a good idea to test

your results for any cross-study measurement issues. Please also read the associated variable notes for the qualifications-related derived variables in Understanding Society.

Best wishes,
Gundi

#3 - 05/10/2016 04:01 PM - Victoria Nolan

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- *% Done changed from 90 to 100*

Files

xwalk_hiqual_dv_4_bhps.pdf	16.8 KB	04/26/2016	Gundi Knies
Look_up hiqual_dv.pdf	13.2 KB	04/26/2016	Gundi Knies