Understanding Society User Support - Support #574

Labour income variables

06/04/2016 08:18 AM - Catherine Taylor

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Priority:	High		% Done:	100%
Assignee:	Catherine Taylor			
Category:	Income			

Description

Hi,

I am doing some research which involves looking at wages. In the data for the variable "total monthly labour income gross" (w_fimnlabgrs_dv) there are negative values (I have a minimum value of -28701) I was wondering if anyone knows the reason for this or what this variable is actually representing?

Thanks for any help!

History

#1 - 06/06/2016 10:42 AM - Victoria Nolan

- Status changed from New to In Progress

- Assignee changed from Victoria Nolan to Catherine Taylor

- % Done changed from 0 to 70

- Private changed from Yes to No

Dear Catherine,

Many thanks for your enquiry.

Total labour income is the sum of income as an employee, income from self-employment and income from second jobs. Negative values on total labour income should always arise from losses from self-employment. These negative self-employment values (a_seearngrs_dv) may be reported or imputed (which may be distinguished using a_seearngrs_if).   Income from being an employee or in second jobs should not be negative.

We hope this help,
Best wishes,
Victoria

On behalf of the Understanding Society Data User Support Team

#2 - 06/23/2016 12:08 PM - Victoria Nolan

- Status changed from In Progress to Closed

- % Done changed from 70 to 100