Understanding Society User Support - Support #608

Housing benefits' variable: coding

07/22/2016 01:19 PM - Maria Sanchez-Vidal

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Assignee:	Maria Sanchez-Vidal			
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Description

I am currently working on a project in which we are using the Secure Lab version of Understanding Society. We are interested in keeping the households that are renters in council or social housing who are receiving housing benefits as our unit of analysis . We have seen that the variable w_renthb captures whether the household has received housing benefits or not but, when we cross tabulate it with the variable w_rent, which captures the net amount of last rent payment, we observe that all those households that report zero rent are computed as inapplicables in the housing benefits' variable (w_renthb). However, we assume that if the reported rent is zero and they are computed as renters, it should mean that the housing benefits are actually covering the whole rent and therefore they must be under housing benefits. Are we right on this?

History

#1 - 08/01/2016 10:02 AM - Victoria Nolan

- Category set to Data analysis

- Status changed from New to Feedback

- Assignee set to Maria Sanchez-Vidal

- % Done changed from 0 to 80

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Dear Maria,

Apologies for the delay in responding to your query, we have been looking into it here.

About 90% of cases with zero rent (at wave 2, which we have checked) report housing benefit in the individual question (data in the income file). There may also be cases reporting rent rebate, which is the Northern Ireland equivalent.

We hope this helps,

Best wishes, Victoria.

On behalf of the Understanding Society Data User Support Team.

#2 - 08/15/2016 03:44 PM - Victoria Nolan

- Status changed from Feedback to Closed

- % Done changed from 80 to 100