

Understanding Society User Support - Support #623

Access to data

09/05/2016 09:05 AM - Thea Elnan

Status:	Closed	Start date:	09/05/2016
Priority:	Normal	% Done:	100%
Assignee:	Thea Elnan		
Description			
Dear Understanding Society,			
my name is Thea Elnan and I'm a Norwegian postgraduate student at the University of Oslo in Norway. In my master thesis I'm using data from British Household Panel Survey (BHPS), which I have already accessed from the ESRC Data Archives. I am specifically interested in the survey questions regarding attitudes towards gender roles.			
The British Household panel was taken over by Understanding Society after 2008, and if I have understood it correctly, Understanding Society still runs the panel every year. I looked through the questionnaires at Your website, and found one survey done in 2012 where the same questions on gender roles that I am interested in frequented (coded wOPFAMA, wOPFAMB and so on in BHPS).			
Since it would be preferable to merge data from a more recent point in time to my dataset, I am wondering if 1) it is true that you still have (and in 2012 had) the same panel as they used in BHPS, 2) I can access these data from 2012 from Understanding Society, and 3) if it is possible to merge data from BHPS and US on the respondents identification number?			
Thank you very much in advance.			
Kind regards,			
Thea Storøy Elnan			
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History

#1 - 09/05/2016 04:23 PM - Gundi Knies

- Category set to Data analysis
- Status changed from New to Feedback
- Assignee set to Gundi Knies
- Target version set to BHPS
- % Done changed from 0 to 90

Hi Thea,

yes, the continuing BHPS sample is incorporated in the Understanding Society study from wave 2 onward. All person-level data files in Understanding Society from wave 2 onward include the unique cross-wave person identifier from the BHPS (i.e. PID).

There are a number of things that you need to consider when working with the BHPS sample within Understanding Society, such as differences in variable and file names, population weights etc. You may find it useful to look at a worked example which we provide in our Introduction to Understanding Society online courses (we provide these in Stata, SPSS and SAS). Example 9/ Topic 11 shows analysts how they can use the BHPS sample component within Understanding Society to create a long run of combined BHPS and UKHLS data. The second part provides useful tips for combining Understanding Society and BHPS data. For more information on how to register, see <https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/documentation/training/online>

You can download the Understanding Society data from the UK Data Service website, just like the BHPS. The link is as follows <https://discover.ukdataservice.ac.uk/catalogue/?sn=6614>

Good luck with your thesis!
Gundi

On behalf of the Understanding Society Data User Support Team.

#2 - 09/13/2016 02:18 PM - Victoria Nolan

- Assignee changed from Gundi Knies to Thea Elnan
- Private changed from Yes to No

#3 - 09/26/2016 12:34 PM - Victoria Nolan

- *Status changed from Feedback to Closed*

- *% Done changed from 90 to 100*