

## Understanding Society User Support - Support #742

### Income

03/10/2017 07:07 PM - gloria gennaro

<b>Status:</b>	Closed	<b>Start date:</b>	03/10/2017
<b>Priority:</b>	Urgent	<b>% Done:</b>	100%
<b>Assignee:</b>	gloria gennaro		
<b>Category:</b>	Income		
<b>Description</b> I need to build a gross annual labor income variable and a gross weekly labor income variable. These should be comparable with Nomis annual survey of hours and earnings by geographic districts. Is this possible? How do I take into account the different sources of income in Understanding Society? Should I consider firmnlabgrs_dv and multiply it by 12? Nomis has only weekly or annual measures			

### History

#### #1 - 03/16/2017 11:12 AM - Victoria Nolan

- Status changed from New to In Progress
- % Done changed from 0 to 10
- Private changed from Yes to No

Dear Gloria,

Many thanks for your enquiry. I have passed this on to our income team who are looking into it for you.

Best wishes, Victoria.

On behalf of the Understanding Society data user support team

#### #2 - 03/22/2017 11:37 AM - Victoria Nolan

- Status changed from In Progress to Feedback
- Assignee changed from Victoria Nolan to gloria gennaro
- % Done changed from 10 to 90

Dear Gloria,

The Understanding Society measure of labour income is a current measure. It asks for the "usual" amounts of labour income for those that did paid work last week (we convert this to a monthly equivalent). Multiplying this by 12 to get an annual estimate assumes that an individual's earnings and employment status does not change throughout the year – but clearly some groups do have volatile incomes – so be careful here.

The relevant variables are:

w\_inc1lab – net monthly personal  
w\_fimnlabgrs\_dv –gross monthly personal

You asked "How do I take into account the different sources of income in Understanding Society?". We produce total individual income variables that go beyond a measure of labour income to also include state benefits, unearned income and investment income. These are:

w\_fimngrs\_dv -Gross monthly personal income  
w\_netinc1 –net monthly personal income

For more details consult the Understanding Society User Guide starting page 88. <https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/documentation/mainstage>

Best wishes, Victoria

On behalf of the Understanding Society Data User Support Team

#### #3 - 04/05/2017 03:11 PM - Victoria Nolan

- Status changed from Feedback to Closed
- % Done changed from 90 to 100