

Understanding Society User Support - Support #773

Is information on day of birth available as a variable?

05/03/2017 11:08 AM - Sebastian Barfort

Status:	Closed	Start date:	05/03/2017
Priority:	Normal	% Done:	100%
Assignee:	Sebastian Barfort		
Category:			
Description			
Hi Understanding Society,			
I have downloaded the Understanding Society: Waves 1-6, 2009-2015 and also the British Household Panel Survey: Waves 1-18, 1991-2009 from the UK Data Archive. I am specifically looking for a variable that indicates the respondent's exact data of birth, but I have been unable to locate such a variable. I can sometimes find "year of birth", sometimes year and month of birth, but I need the exact date, that is, also the day of birth. Is this available anywhere? Can you please explain me how I can obtain this variable.			
I look forward to hearing from you, thank you in advance for helping me,			
All best,			
Sebastian			
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History

#1 - 05/03/2017 02:43 PM - Victoria Nolan

- Status changed from New to Feedback
- Assignee set to Sebastian Barfort
- % Done changed from 0 to 90
- Private changed from Yes to No

Dear Sebastian,

Many thanks for your enquiry. For exact date of birth you would need to apply for access to Understanding Society data at the Secure level (GN33429: <https://discover.ukdataservice.ac.uk/series/?sn=2000053>). If you refer to the Understanding Society mainstage user guide (<https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/documentation/mainstage>), section 4 gives details of which additional information is available in the Special Licence and Secure levels of data.

We hope this helps, best wishes, Victoria.

On behalf of the Understanding Society Data User Support Team

#2 - 05/17/2017 02:16 PM - Victoria Nolan

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

#3 - 05/26/2017 12:52 PM - Sebastian Barfort

Victoria Nolan wrote:

Dear Sebastian,

Many thanks for your enquiry. For exact date of birth you would need to apply for access to Understanding Society data at the Secure level (GN33429: <https://discover.ukdataservice.ac.uk/series/?sn=2000053>). If you refer to the Understanding Society mainstage user guide (<https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/documentation/mainstage>), section 4 gives details of which additional information is available in the Special Licence and Secure levels of data.

We hope this helps, best wishes, Victoria.

On behalf of the Understanding Society Data User Support Team

Dear Victoria,

Thank you so much for getting back to me (and apologies for the late reply). I have a follow up question: Is the same information available in the BHPS? As far as I can see there's no secure version of the BHPS that offers the exact date of birth of the respondent, even though this was asked in all surveys, but I wanted to double check with you before concluding anything.

Look forward to hearing from you and again thank you so much for your help.
Sebastian

#4 - 06/05/2017 03:58 PM - Sebastian Barfort

- Copied to Support #790: Is information on day of birth available as a variable (in BHPS)? added