

Understanding Society User Support - Support #855

Drinking variables in wave 2, adult self-completion

09/22/2017 09:02 PM - Min Zhang

Status:

Closed

Priority:

Urgent

Assignee:

Min Zhang

Category:

Data documentation

Start date:

09/22/2017

% Done:

100%

Description

Dear USoc team,

I have a question with drinking variables in wave 2, adult self-completion. The variable value labelling seems odd to me.

I expect the variable b_sceverdrnk, ever had an alcoholic drink, to have values as "never had drink" or "had drink before". However, it is how the variable is labelled:

```
.labelbook b_sceverdrnk
```

```
-----
```

```
value label b_sceverdrnk
```

```
-----
```

```
      values                                labels       range:  [-9,2]                        string length:  [5,28]           N:    7                          unique at full length:  yes       gaps:  yes                          unique at length 12:  yes missing .*:  0                          null string:  no                                 leading/trailing blanks:  no                                 numeric -> numeric:  no  definition   -9  missing   -8  inapplicable   -7  proxy   -2  refused   -1  don't know    1  age provided    2  never had an alcoholic drink  variables:  b_sceverdrnk
```

I ran a cross-tabulation between b_sceverdrnk and b_scfalcdrnk, how often have you had an alcoholic drink. The results also seem odd. I expect that the inapplicable in b_scfalcdrnk could be partially explained by "never had drink" in b_sceverdrnk. But it is not the case.

```
tab b_sceverdrnk b_scfalcdrnk, m
```

ever had an alcoholic drink during the last 12 months?		how often have you had an alcoholic drink during the last 12 months?						
	drink once or twice	missing once	inapplicable once or twice	proxy not at all	don't know not in last 12 months	almost every day	five or six times	three or more times
	missing	8	0	0	217	3,118	2,116	5,677
3	11,822	6,635	3,975	3,782	1,404	2,804	41,554	
	inapplicable	0	6,582	0	0	0	0	
0	0	0	0	0	0	6,582		
	proxy	0	0	3,882	0	0	0	
0	0	0	0	0	0	3,882		
	don't know	392	0	0	0	0	0	
0	0	0	0	0	0	392		
	age provided	2,186	0	0	0	0	0	

0	0	0	0	0	1	0		2,187	
-----+-----									
-----+-----									
		Total		2,586	6,582	3,882	217	3,118	2,116
3	11,822	6,635		3,975	3,782	1,405	2,804		54,597
									5,67

I understand that the same issue was raised one year ago, <https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/support/issues/511>

But I do not think it has been fixed yet.

Could you please let me know what I can do to get correct records of whether the respondent has ever had alcoholic drink?

Many thanks.

Regards,
Min

History

#1 - 09/25/2017 04:27 PM - Stephanie Auty

- Category changed from *Derived variables* to *Data documentation*
- Status changed from *New* to *In Progress*
- Assignee changed from *Gundi Knies* to *Stephanie Auty*
- % Done changed from *0* to *10*
- Private changed from *Yes* to *No*

Many thanks for your enquiry. The Understanding Society team is looking into it and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

Best wishes,
Stephanie Auty - Understanding Society User Support Officer

#2 - 09/29/2017 03:46 PM - Stephanie Auty

- Status changed from *In Progress* to *Feedback*
- Assignee changed from *Stephanie Auty* to *Min Zhang*
- % Done changed from *10* to *80*

Dear Min,

Thank you, we are aware of this problem and it is on the list of issues to deal with.

For the moment, you can relabel value 1 of *b_sceverdrnk* as "has never had a drink". Then, to find the people who say they have had a drink, you need to use at *b_age1drink* to create a new variable, recoding any value greater than 0 as "has ever has a drink".

You can see the questions on page 7 on the questionnaire to see how they fit together. Click wave 2 and then download the Adult self-completion pdf: <https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/documentation/mainstage/questionnaires>

Best wishes,
Stephanie Auty - Understanding Society User Support Officer

#3 - 10/16/2017 04:32 PM - Stephanie Auty

- Status changed from *Feedback* to *Resolved*
- % Done changed from *80* to *100*

#4 - 10/30/2017 03:46 PM - Stephanie Auty

- Status changed from *Resolved* to *Closed*