

## Understanding Society User Support - Support #88

### about BHPS

10/26/2012 12:45 PM - steve martin

<b>Status:</b>	Closed	<b>Start date:</b>	10/26/2012
<b>Priority:</b>	Normal	<b>% Done:</b>	50%
<b>Assignee:</b>	Redmine Admin		
<b>Category:</b>	Data analysis		
<b>Description</b> Dear BHPS  I am using BHPS data (wave 13-18) and have some queries.  First, for the purpose of my study, I will only include people from Scotland. Could I ask what is the variable that I should use to allow me to do this.  Second, I am wondering what are the weighting variables for Scotland population only (not Scotland+Welsh)? Are there separate weighting variables for longitudinal data or pooled cross-sectional?  Third, I notice that there are a lot of missing values for sex (I look at a variable called sex), Is there any other variables in BHPS that can tell us the respondent's sex but with fewer missing values?  Fourth, I also want to know individual's age. I found a variable called (doby), Again, is there any other variables that I should use for individual's age?  Fifth, I want to look at individual's educational background. What variable should I use which tells me the highest education respondents have.  Last, I want to include respondent's income/socio-economics status. I saw there are many possible variables that I can use, but I am wondering what are the most commonly used variables for individual's income/socio-economic statuses?  Many thanks			

### History

#### #1 - 10/30/2012 02:42 PM - Redmine Admin

- Category set to Data analysis
- Assignee set to Redmine Admin
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Dear Steve,

First, for the purpose of my study, I will only include people from Scotland. Could I ask what is the variable that I should use to allow me to do this.

A: \_REGION2 is a possibility

Second, I am wondering what are the weighting variables for Scotland population only (not Scotland+Welsh)? Are there separate weighting variables for longitudinal data or pooled cross-sectional?

A: please see user guide pp. 194+ <https://www.iser.essex.ac.uk/bhps/documentation/vola/vola.html>

Third, I notice that there are a lot of missing values for sex (I look at a variable called sex), Is there any other variables in BHPS that can tell us the respondent's sex but with fewer missing values?

A: please let us know which file/variable you are looking at

Fourth, I also want to know individual's age. I found a variable called (doby), Again, is there any other variables that I should use for individual's

age?

A: \_AGE on INDRESP (but see previous answer)

Fifth, I want to look at individual's educational background. What variable should I use which tells me the highest education respondents have.

A: \_QFEDHI

Last, I want to include respondent's income/socio-economics status. I saw there are many possible variables that I can use, but I am wondering what are the most commonly used variables for individual's income/socio-economic statuses?

A: horses for courses? For a time series spanning 1990-2019, NS-SEC would have some advantages over others. Please also see user guide/documentation for information on the many income variables provided with the dataset.

Jakob

**#2 - 11/20/2012 07:44 AM - Redmine Admin**

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