

## Understanding Society User Support - Support #97

### Means-tested income - dervied variable

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| <b>Assignee:</b>   | Redmine Admin |                    |            |
| <b>Category:</b>   | Data analysis |                    |            |
| <b>Description</b>   |               |                    |            |
| Hello,   |               |                    |            |
| <p>I need to create a variable in BHPS which gives total household income from means-tested benefits. Ideally I need this to correspond as closely as possible to the HHIRBEN variable in the Family Resources Survey (FRS) dataset (which is derived from INIRBEN).</p> <p>I can find various variables that give total benefit income (e.g. RFIHHMB, RFIHHYB, etc), but no variables that relate to just means-tested benefits.</p> <p>According to the FRS (2009/10) HHIRBEN variable definition the following are considered as means-tested benefits:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Housing benefit</li><li>2. Council tax benefit</li><li>3. Income Support</li><li>4. Pension Credit</li><li>5. DWP third party payments - IS/PC</li><li>6. Social Fund Loan: Repayment from IS/PC</li><li>7. Income Based Jobseekers Allowance,</li><li>8. Income Based DWP third party payments – JSA</li><li>9. Income Based Social Fund Loan: Repayment from JSA</li><li>10. Income Related Employment and Support Allowance</li><li>11. Maternity Grant</li><li>12. Funeral Grant or Community Care Grant</li><li>13. Return to Work Credit</li><li>14. Work-related activity premium</li><li>15. Child Maintenance Bonus/Premium</li><li>16. Lone Parent Benefit run-on/Job Grant</li><li>17. Extended HB only or separately and Extended CTB only or separately</li><li>18. Extended HB/CTB paid together</li></ol> <p>So my specific question is, can I use the WINCOME record type to derive total household income from means-tested benefits received in previous month by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) identifying the rows corresponding to any one of the 18 means-tested benefits in the list above (plus any that existed previously to 2009/10),</li><li>b) then summing the value of these benefits for the specific month prior to the month of interview?</li></ol> <p>Steps (a) and (b) would need to be repeated for all waves.</p> <p>Many thanks in advance for your help,<br/>Alex</p> |               |                    |            |

#### History

##### #1 - 11/29/2012 01:14 PM - Redmine Admin

- Status changed from New to In Progress
- Assignee set to Redmine Admin
- % Done changed from 0 to 50

It would be possible to sum up the amounts received month by month for responding adults (FRNOW is the routing to this part of the questionnaire). Please note that not all the benefit types found on FRS were asked in BHPS. Household level information can readily be created for households where all adults responded, but not so easily for incomplete households.

##### #2 - 12/12/2012 02:56 PM - Redmine Admin

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