

## Understanding Society User Support - Support #978

### different size in "merge" and "previously been interviewed"

05/30/2018 01:42 PM - Eduwin Pakpahan

<b>Status:</b>	Resolved	<b>Start date:</b>	05/30/2018
<b>Priority:</b>	Normal	<b>% Done:</b>	100%
<b>Assignee:</b>	Eduwin Pakpahan		
<b>Category:</b>	Survey design		
<b>Description</b>			
Dear all, I am a new user of understanding society, so pls apologize if my question is quite basic. I am trying to merge the wave1 and wave2 data, i.e. merging "b_indresp.dta" and "a_indresp.dta". Using merge function in stata (the stata code is 'merge 1:1 pidp using ... '), I found 38388 participants were both in wave1 and 2, 162019 were new entrants in wave 2 and 12606 were in wave 1 only. Then I look at those who have been interviewed before, by 'tab b_ff_ivlowlw', I found 46164 individual had previously been interviewed. This is bigger than 38388 I obtained beforehand.  Do I miss something here or misunderstood with the b_ff_ivlowlw?			

#### History

##### #1 - 05/30/2018 04:26 PM - Stephanie Auty

- Category set to Survey design
- Status changed from New to In Progress
- Assignee set to Stephanie Auty
- % Done changed from 0 to 10

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 - 06/01/2018 02:18 PM - Stephanie Auty

- Private changed from Yes to No

##### #3 - 06/11/2018 05:31 PM - Stephanie Auty

- Status changed from In Progress to Feedback
- Assignee changed from Stephanie Auty to Eduwin Pakpahan
- Target version set to M2
- % Done changed from 10 to 70

Dear Eduwin,

Looking at the variable b\_hhorig will help you to answer this question. This is the sample origin. If you look at this variable for those who have b\_ff\_ivlowlw==1 (they have had a previous individual interview) but are not in a\_indresp, you will see that almost all of these are BHPS sample members, so their previous interview was during BHPS data collection, rather than Wave 1 of Understanding Society.

Best wishes,  
Stephanie Auty - Understanding Society User Support Officer

##### #4 - 06/14/2018 01:18 PM - Eduwin Pakpahan

Thanks a lot, Stephanie.  
I understand now the "previous wave".

Rgds,  
Eduwin

##### #5 - 08/14/2018 05:42 PM - Stephanie Auty

- Status changed from Feedback to Resolved

- % Done changed from 70 to 100