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This document describes revisions to the Understanding Society Waves 1-10 datasets, including Harmonised BHPS datasets, last fully revised in November 2020. The User Guides and on-line documentation can be consulted for a study-wide perspective and variable level information, respectively.

Weighting Changes

Weighting variables in the harmonised BHPS data now follow the UKHLS general naming convention. The weight names for the sample that has participated in the study since 1991 have '91' in them, and for those who have participated since 2001 (including Northern Ireland, Scottish and Welsh boosts) have '01' in them. Similarly, enumeration weights are now called 'psnen' and full interview weights are now called 'indin'. Note that all BHPS weights now take into account missed mortality (additional death that has not been identified by interviewers previously) and have been post-stratified to a longitudinal 1991 population in each wave of BHPS and UKHLS (population in 1991 minus death that occurred per gender and age group since then is estimated in each year and the data is post-stratified to this distribution).

For further details on the use of weights and probabilities, please refer to the User Guide.

Wave 9 Social Care Payment Variables

Wave 9 included the collection of 17 social care payment variables. At the time their release was embargoed but they have now been included in i_indresp. The variables are as follows:

- i_careass   - Assessment of care needs
- i_persbudg   - Personal budget allocated
- i_budgval   - Personal Budget: amount
- i_budgper   - Personal Budget: payment period
- i_pbudgann   - Computed Personal Budget annual amount
- i_anydp   - Proportion of Personal Budget taken as Direct Payment
- i_userchg   - User charges: amount
- i_userper   - User charges: payment period
- i_pbtopup   - Pays contributions to top up Personal Budget
- i_topupval   - Top Up contributions: amount
- i_topupper   - Top Up contributions: payment period
- i_lacare   - Receives care paid for by council/local authority
- i_laval   - Local Authority pays for care: amount
- i_laper   - Local Authority pays for care: payment period
- i_paypriv   - Pays privately for care
- i_privval   - Pays privately for care: amount
- i_privper   - Pays privately for care: payment period

Wave 9 SOC Code Variables Corrections

Various Wave 9 SOC and SEC code variables were previously released in j_indresp containing only negative values. This occurred because these variables require manual coding and were not correctly processed. These have all been corrected in the latest release. The variables affected are:

- j_j1soc*   - First job
- j_j2soc*   - 2nd current job
- j_masoc*   - Mother's job
- j_pasoc*   - Father's job
- j_yasoc*   - Young adult: job like
- j_yanssec*   - Young adult: job like
- j_j2nssec*   - 2nd job
- j_manssec*   - Mother's job, resp aged 14
- j_panssec*   - Father's job, resp aged 14

Wave 6 pvtpay Variable

The variable w_pvtpay, additional pay for extra hours, in w_indresp, was previously renamed w_ovtpay, however, the renaming was missed for the IEMB part of Wave 6 and therefore was released as f_pvtpay. This variable has now been dropped. f_ovtpay, additional pay for extra hours, is the correct variable to be used.

Miscellaneous Changes

Various minor data inconsistencies have been corrected.

Various labelling issues have been addressed.