Description of *Understanding Society* Primary Sampling Unit variable

Value	Sample	Notes
1 – 575	former BHPS sample in GB	Identical to the BHPS variable **wpsu**
701 – 1999	former BHPS Northern Ireland sample	Corresponds to initial (BHPS Wave 11) sampled households, as these were selected in a one-stage design
2001 – 4640	UKHLS-GPS in England, Scotland and Wales	Corresponds to the postal sectors used as PSUs, see Lynn (2009)
46424 – 7035	UKHLS-GPS in Northern Ireland	Corresponds to Wave 1 sampled households, as these were selected in a one-stage design
7048 – 51789	UKHLS-EMB	Corresponds to Wave 1 sampled households, as these were selected in a one-stage design within the high minority density domain, see Berthoud, Fumagalli et al. (2009)
52001 – 52250	UKHLS – IEMBS	Corresponds to the 250 small areas selected as PSUs (LSOAs in England and Wales, Data zones in Scotland)

Note: there was an error in **b_psu** and **c_psu** for Northern Ireland BHPS households in the Wave 2 and Wave 3 data releases. This has been corrected from the Wave 4 release.

Description of *Understanding Society* stratification variable

Values	Sample	Notes
1 – 151	former-BHPS sample in GB	Identical to the BHPS variable **wstrata**
701	former-BHPS Northern Ireland sample	Northern Ireland treated as a single stratum
2001 – 3320	UKHLS-GPS in England, Scotland and Wales	Corresponds to groups of two or more PSUs in selection order, as they were selected systematically from an implicitly ordered list, see Lynn (2009)
3321	UKHLS-GPS in Northern Ireland	Northern Ireland treated as a single stratum
3322 – 5117	UKHLS-EMB	Corresponds to the postal sectors in the high minority density domain as selections were made independently from each, see Berthoud, Fumagalli et al. (2009)
5121 – 5124	UKHLS-IEMBS	Corresponds to the four sampling strata