

Understanding Society User Support - Support #1222

Self-reported employer size variable (jbsize)

07/31/2019 03:09 PM - Karen Arulsamy

Status:	In Progress	Start date:	07/31/2019
Priority:	Normal	Due date:	
Assignee:	Karen Arulsamy	% Done:	50%
Category:	Data inconsistency	Estimated time:	0.00 hour
Target version:			
Description			
<p>Hi, I'm running analyses using the above variable in Understanding Society (US). However, I am seeing discrepancies in the distribution of employer size in US data as opposed to employer provided sources such as the Business Population Estimates (BEIS). It seems that US data reports a higher proportion of individuals in the smaller companies (those with less than 50 employees). It could be that individuals who work for branches of larger companies report the number of employees in those specific branches rather than the company as a whole. I wonder if this is true based on previous experience of researchers using this variable? Is there any linked datasets with US that I could access that would provide the employer provided number of employees in the company? Any pointers would be much appreciated.</p>			

History

#1 - 07/31/2019 03:46 PM - Alita Nandi

- Private changed from Yes to No
- % Done changed from 0 to 50
- Status changed from New to In Progress

Hi Karen,

When you compared the "proportion of individuals in the smaller companies (those with less than 50 employees)" in Understanding Society with that in the BEIS, did you use weighted estimates? If not, then please compare the weighted estimates with BEIS. Please let us know whether you find this discrepancy when you compare the weighted estimate. If you still find such a discrepancy, then the reason you suggest is a plausible one.

I have not come across discussions around this issue, but you could post this query to the UKHLS Researcher community. if you want to join that mailing list send email to UKHLS-REQUEST@JISCMail.AC.UK

Our recommended abbreviation for the study when used in academic settings is UKHLS. This will help you and other researchers to search for publications based on the study.

Best wishes,
Alita

#2 - 08/14/2019 11:38 AM - Alita Nandi

- Assignee changed from Alita Nandi to Karen Arulsamy