Citizenship Survey 2008-09 Q1234 Data User Guide

Selecting cases for analysis

Core and boost samples

The data file contains both the core and the boost samples, identified by the variable SAMPTYPE where 1=Core, 2=Focused Enumeration (FE) and 3=Screening. The FE and Screening sample types are the boost sample. The majority of analyses will use the core sample only.

Individual quarters

The dataset contains cases for Q1, Q2, Q3 and Q4. If only one of the three quarters is required, select Q1, Q2 or Q3 cases using the Quarter variable.

Weighting

There are four different weighting variables for the dataset

WTCINDS- Core sample adult weight WTFINDS- Combined sample (Core and Boost) adult weight WTCHHDS- Core sample household weight WTFHHDS- Combined sample (Core and Boost) household weight

Weighting for individual quarters

In addition, there are four weights for each of Q1, Q2, Q3 and Q4 separately. The variable names for the individual quarters are as follows, prefixed with either Q1, Q2, Q3 or Q4 (they are also labelled in the dataset):

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- WtCIn Core Individual
- WtFIn Combined individual
- WtCHh Core household

WtFHh Combined household

As a rule use the combined weight when analysing by ethnicity or religion and the core weight for everything else.

Missing values

Missing values are generally indicated by:

- -1 = Schedule not applicable (not routed to question)
- -8 = Don't know
- -9 = Refused

In most cases these have been set to missing using the MISSING VALUES command in SPSS, so will routinely not appear in tables or frequencies.

Derived variables

Please see the separate list for details of the derived variables.

Design factors

A detailed list of design factors is available in the 2008-09 Technical Report. As a general rule use 1.2 as a design factor for figures based on the core sample and 1.4 for figures based on the combined sample.