Unrestricted Access Teaching Dataset (ONS Opinions Survey, Well-Being Module)

2: Introduction and Commentary

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The Unrestricted Access Teaching Dataset (SN7146) contains a selection of 24 variables from the April 2011 wave (See abstract on SN 7167) of the ONS Opinions Survey, Well-Being Module, April - August 2011 merged waves (SN 6893) which in turn is part of the regular Opinions and Lifestyle Survey run in various guises since 1990 by the Office for National Statistics. All data sets are held and distributed by UK Data Service (UKDS) at Essex University.

opn_teaching_dataset.sav (Teaching data set as received from UKDS: <u>SN7146</u>, 24 variables)

Output from SPSS command:

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Variable Labels

Variable	Position	Label
casenew	1	New random ID number
INDWGT	2	Calibration Weight
MCZ_1	3	Overall, how satisfied are you with your life nowadays?
MCZ_2	4	Overall, to what extent feel things you do in your life are worthwhile?
MCZ_3	5	Overall, how happy did you feel yesterday?
MCZ_4	6	Overall, how anxious did you feel yesterday?
MCZ_5a	7	Overall, how satisfied are you with your personal relationships?
MCZ_5b	8	Overall, how satisfied are you with your physical health?
MCZ_5c	9	Overall, how satisfied are you with your mental wellbeing?
MCZ_5d	10	Overall, how satisfied are you with your work situation?
MCZ_5e	11	
MCZ_5f		Overall, how satisfied are you with the area where you live?
MCZ_5g		Overall, how satisfied with amount of time have to do things like doing?
MCZ_5h		Overall, how satisfied are you with the wellbeing of your child/children?
QHealthr		How is your health in general
RSEX	16	Sex of Respondent
AGEX	17	
marstat3r		Marital status 3 cat. (recoded)
highed4		What is the highest level of qualification?
Ethnicity2r		Ethnicity White/Other (recoded)
DVILO3a		DV for ILO in employment - 3 categories
FtPtWk		Full or part time work?
NSECAC3		NS-SEC 3 categories
GorA		Government Office Region

Variables in the working file

This data set was originally prepared for teaching at the Cathie Marsh Centre for Census and Survey Research (now the <u>Cathie Marsh Institute for Social Research</u>) at Manchester, and was designed for teaching multivariate analysis using Principal Components Analysis and Factor Analysis. This has clearly determined the selection of variables amenable to those methods.

The well-being module of the survey includes a number of questions related to personal well-being and to satisfaction/dissatisfaction (measured on 0-10 scales) with life as a whole and with various life domains (eg housing, neighbourhood, health, work). Within each domain questions are also asked about the respondent's own situation (eg health status, tenure, type of work etc.)

There are no question numbers as such, but the variable names used in the SPSS files are displayed on the questionnaires (which are in CAPI/CATI format).

The subjective measures all begin with MCZ_

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MCZ_1 - 4

These are subjective wellbeing questions which are also running on the IHS. These questions are randomised so that respondents will be asked the 4 questions in 1 of 4 different orders.

MCZ_5 - 7

Subjective wellbeing questions asking about different areas of peoples' lives.

MCZ_8 - 15

Subjective wellbeing questions asking about the local area where the respondent lives. When answering these questions the respondent should consider the local area to be the area within 15-20 minutes walking distance from their home.

MCZ_16a - 16f

Subjective wellbeing questions asking about the quality of public services in this country. It is up to the respondent what they consider 'this country' to mean when answering these questions.

MCZ_17a-17d

Subjective wellbeing questions asking about how much the respondent personally trusts different institutions in this country. It is up to the respondent what they consider 'this country' to mean when answering these questions.

MCZ_18-21

Subjective wellbeing questions asking about different aspects of this country. It is up to the respondent what they consider 'this country' to mean when answering these questions.

Users have unrestricted access to the teaching data set, and also to the user guides for the other surveys, but, to access the data from these and other surveys, you must be a <u>registered user</u> with UKDS.

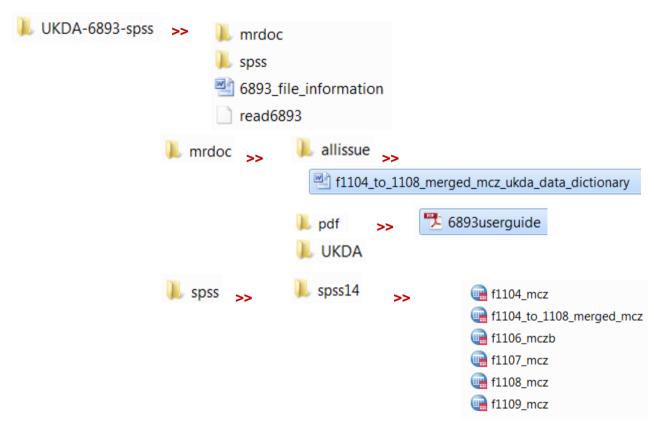
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April – August 2011	<u>SN 6893</u>	4618	112	f1104_to_1108_merged_mcz.sav
April 2011 only	<u>SN 7167</u>	1124	115	f1104_mcz.sav
Teaching data set	<u>SN 7146</u>	1124	24	opn_teaching_data_set.sav
September 2011	<u>SN 7171</u>	1117	139	f1109_mcz.sav

April – August 2011

UKDS distributes the SPSS version of the April-August 2011 merged file SN 6893 in a zip folder:

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the contents of which are:



The <u>user guide</u> contains technical information about the survey and also the variable name(s), question wording and the coding system used for the response categories.

QHealth How is your health in general? 1 Very good 2 Good 3 Fair 4 Bad 5 Very bad 8 Refused 9 Don't know

Value = 9

f1104_to_1108_merged_mcz_ukda_data_dictionary has a more detailed display:

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For the combined April to August waves (<u>SN 6893</u>) the only subjective variables included in file **[1104_to_1108_merged_mcz**] are the four being tested by ONS:

Name	Question
MCZ_1	Overall, how satisfied are you with your life nowadays ? Where nought is 'not at all satisfied' and 10 is 'completely satisfied'.
MCZ_2	Overall, to what extent do you feel that the things you do in your life are worthwhile ? Where nought is 'not at all worthwhile' and 10 is 'completely worthwhile'.
MCZ_3	Overall, how happy did you feel yesterday ? Where nought is 'not at all happy' and 10 is 'completely happy'.
MCZ_4	On a scale where nought is 'not at all anxious' and 10 is 'completely anxious', overall, how anxious did you feel yesterday ?

April 2011 only

The data for April 2011 only (<u>SN 7167</u>) are in file <u>f1104_mcz</u> This file has eight additional subjective measures:

MCZ_5a - MCZ_5h Overall, how satisfied are you with [domain] nowadays? Where nought is 'not at all satisfied' and 10 is 'completely satisfied'

Name	Domain
MCZ_5a MCZ_5b MCZ_5c MCZ_5d MCZ_5e MCZ_5f MCZ_5g MCZ_5h	 your personal relationships your physical health your mental well-being your work situation your financial situation the area where you live the amount of time you have to do things you like doing the wellbeing of your child/children

In addition to these subjective measures there are questions about the respondent's actual situation regarding work, health, family etc. The questions regarding work (or seeking work) and household composition are particularly detailed. It must be remembered that the ONS surveys are not designed for academic research or for teaching students in the social sciences, but are commissioned by government departments who are the main clients for the survey.

Teaching data set (April 2011)

The teaching data set (<u>SN 7146</u>) contains all 12 of the above subjective measures, but very few of the background variables.

Name	Question/Label
QHealthr	How is your health in general
RSEX	Sex of Respondent
AGEX	Grouped age
marstat3r	Marital status 3 cat. (recoded)
highed4	What is the highest level of qualification?
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This data set would be considerably enriched if there were more intra-domain background variables included. There seems little point in having subjective measures of satisfaction with health, job or income without also having measures of actual health, type of work or level of income. Such variables could easily be added to the teaching set without any risk of disclosure.

However, although there are the same number of cases (1124) in the teaching data set as in the full April set they are not in the same case order. These means that variables from the full April file cannot be copied into the teaching file: a new data set has to be created by selecting out all the above measures, then adding a more comprehensive set of background variables.

At the very least the additional variables should include:

Name Question/Label

TENgrp	Grouped Tenure
RAGE	Respondent's age
EdAgeCor	How old were you when you finished full time education?
LSIII	Have any long-standing illness, disability or infirmity?
IIILim	Does this illness or disability limit your activities in any way?
Stat	Working as an employee or self-employed?
sumgross	Gross Annual Income

Other classification variables have more categories for level of work, education etc and could be substituted for those with fewer categories in the teaching set.

September 2011

The September 2011 wave (<u>SN 7171</u>) carries an additional set of subjective questions, none of which are in the data sets listed above (but far more interesting for measuring personal well-being):

Personal

MCZ_6	To what extent do you feel that you have anyone to discuss personal matters with?
MCZ_7	To what extent do you feel you have any relatives, friends or neighbours that you
	can ask for help?

Local area

MCZ_8	Overall, how satisfied are you with the local area where you live?
MCZ_9	To what extent do you feel that you are involved in the local area where you live?
MCZ_10	To what extent do you feel you belong in the local area where you live ?
MCZ_11	To what extent feel local area is place where people from different backgrounds get on well together?
MCZ_12	To what extent do you feel you can influence local decisions?
MCZ_13	To what extent do you feel people in this local area pull together to improve the neighbourhood?

- MCZ_14 How satisfied with public gardens, parks, commons, other green spaces in local area where you live?
- MCZ_15 How safe would you feel walking alone in this local area after dark?

Public services

MCZ_16a	In general, how would you	rate the quality of public health	services in this country?
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- MCZ_16b In general, how would you rate the quality of the state education system (in this country)?
- MCZ_16c In general, how would you rate the quality of **public transport** (in this country)?
- MCZ_16d In general, how would you rate the quality of state childcare services (in this country)?
- MCZ_16e In general, how would you rate the quality of care services for the elderly (in this country)?
- MCZ_16f In general, how would you rate the quality of the state pension system (in this country)?

Trust

- MCZ_5 To what extent do you feel most people can be trusted?
- MCZ_17a How much do you personally trust the legal system in this country?
- MCZ_17b How much do you personally trust the police (in this country)?
- MCZ_17c How much do you personally trust the media (in this country)?
- MCZ_17d How much do you personally trust the political system (in this country)?

This country

- MCZ_18 To what extent do you feel informed about new and current affairs affecting this country?
- MCZ_19 How satisfied are you with living in this country?
- MCZ_20 How optimistic are you about the future of this country?
- MCZ_21 Over next 12 months, think overall situation of this country will get better, stay the same, get worse?

ONS Opinions Survey, Well-Being Module, April 2011: Unrestricted Access Teaching Dataset (SN7146)

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"The OPN, Well-Being Module, April 2011: Unlimited Access Teaching Dataset contains 24 variables; 13 well-being questions and some standard socio-demographic variables. The variables ha ve been chosen to enable new users to explore the data and apply some basic data reduction techniques such as Principal Component Analysis or Factor Analysis.

Details of the variables selected for the Unrestricted Access Teaching Dataset are given below, including a data dictionary which lists information about variable names, values, labels, missing values and frequency. The name of the variables and their labels remain the same or very close to the original OPN dataset. However, due to concerns about statistical disclosure, some variables have been recoded and their level of detail reduced. Variables that differ from the original OPN have been suffixed "r". The syntax for how these variables were recoded is in Appendix II. In addition, a new ID variable was created in order to avoid linking the Unrestricted Access Teaching Dataset with the original dataset. The wording of the questions on the well-being module is listed in Appendix III. A copy of the questionnaire showing the exact question wording can be found on the ESDS webpage"

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UKDS distributes the SPSS version of the file in a zip folder:

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Names and Labels
Variable values in item labels shown as:
Values and Labels

For exploring the file in relation to the questionnaire it is useful to have both, but for publication of less cluttered tables and charts in reports etc., the SPSS settings can be changed to Labels using Edit >> Options >> Output

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Closing the Pivot table leaves a (double-spaced) table in the **Viewer** which can then be copied and pasted into Word, and modified to single spacing as below:

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MCZ_2	4	Overall, to what extent feel things you do in your life are worthwhile?
MCZ_3	5	Overall, how happy did you feel yesterday?
MCZ_4	6	Overall, how anxious did you feel yesterday?
MCZ_5a	7	Overall, how satisfied are you with your personal relationships?
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Variable Labels

Variables in the working file

Golden rule: Never change an original file! Always make a copy of the data set before doing any further analysis or making any changes. There are two ways to do this:

Method 1

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Save and the copy will appear in the folder from which you are working.

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Use the copy for all future work: do NOT work on the original !!

It doesn't matter which method you use, but I generally use method 2.

Changing the order of variable attributes

I also prefer to change the order of the attribute columns in Variable View so that the more important attributes are moved to the left. I prefer to work with Name, Measure, Label, Values, Missing and Decimals (in that order) to the left of the Data Editor and all other attributes moved to the right or not displayed at all. You can modify the Data Editor to display variable attributes in a different order or even hide them.

Again, there are two ways to do this.

Method 1

Click on the column header to highlight the column you want to move, then hold the left mouse down over the header and drag the column to a new position (a thin red line will indicate where the new position will be). For example, to move the **Measure** column, click on **Measure**

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Method 2

View >> Customise Variable View

In the 2nd pane (above centre) you can move the attributes up or down the precedence order by clicking on the blue arrows on the right (the new order appears in the pane) or hide them by unchecking the boxes on the left. However, these new settings will apply to every SPSS file you open in the current session, so best not to hide anything until you're absolutely sure.

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In the following pages I have saved the modified file as opn_teaching_dataset_jfh1.sav

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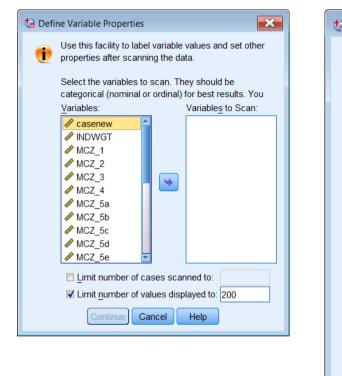
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The Data >> Define Variable Properties (DVP) facility was actually designed as a facility for building up a file, but it's also an incredibly useful tool to check the contents of an existing file.