

Housing insecurity histories of UKHLS participants – instructions for using the syntax

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The syntax contained in these do files creates a long working datafile containing newly derived variables that capture housing insecurity histories of each responding adult in UKHLS. These variables can then be linked to other individual-level data for analysis.

Follow these steps after downloading the UKHLS data:

1. Download the folder titled “housing histories do files”.
2. Open the do file titled USoc_housing-history_master.
3. Update line 25 to declare the location of the do files on your computer
4. Open the remaining do files and set the working directory and location of UKHLS source data to reflect your local file paths.
5. Save changes to all the do files.
6. Run USoc_housing-history_master.do. This calls on the other do files – they do not need to be run separately.

The variables created by the above are:

derived variable	description
move	Moved since previous interview [where a mover is anyone asked why they had moved since the previous wave]
mov_evict	Reason for move: Eviction/reposession (missing=non-mover)
mov_health	Reason for move: Housing was damp/unhealthy (missing=non-mover)
mov_smlchp	Reason for move: Wanted smaller/cheaper housing (missing=non-mover)
mov_wrkmov	Reason for move: Employer moved job to another workplace (missing=non-mover)
move_invol	Involuntary move (defined as move for any of above reasons) (missing=non-mover)
arrears	Household experienced housing payment problems in past year
move_force	Forced move (alt def): evicted or move coinciding with payment arrears [missing=non-mover]
move_cum	Cumulative number of moves since Wave 1
evict_cum	Cumulative number of evictions/reposessions since Wave 1
invol_cum	Cumulative number of involuntary moves since Wave 1
force_cum	Cumulative number of forced moves (evict or move+arrears) since Wave 1
move_ever	Ever moved (since wave 1)
evict_ever	All waves - ever evicted
evict_anytodate	To date - ever evicted
invol_ever	All waves - ever moved involuntarily
invol_anytodate	To date - moved involuntarily
force_ever	All waves - ever forced to move (evicted or move+arrears)
forced_anytodate	To date - ever forced to move (evicted or move+arrears)
arrears_cum	Cumulative number of experiences of being in arrears since Wave 1
arrears_ever	Ever experienced arrears (since wave 1)
arrears_anytodate	To date - ever experienced arrears
L_lkmove	Preference to stay or move (as reported in previous wave)

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