

Description of Understanding Society Primary Sampling Unit variable

Values	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) .
4642 – 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).
60,801 - 61,760	UKHLS-GPS2 in England, Scotland and Wales	Corresponds to the postal sectors used as PSUs.
61,761 - 63,283	UKHLS-GPS2 in Northern Ireland	Corresponds to the addresses used as PSUs.

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

Value	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.
5,125 – 5,169	UKHLS-GPS2 in England, Scotland and Wales	Corresponds to the 45 sampling strata.
5,171 – 5,189	UKHLS-GPS2 in Northern Ireland	Corresponds to the 19 sampling strata.