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SO201: SSAASS (Surveys and Statistics) (Richard Lampard)

**Week 1 activity**

It would be useful if by the Monday Week 2 Lecture you could practice producing cross-a few tabulations using SPSS (in part to re-familiarise yourself with SPSS) and practice getting SPSS to carry out chi-square tests on these cross-tabulations (i.e. revising these aspects of *SO238 Social Research Methods*).

You could access SPSS via a PC on campus or download SPSS to your own laptop/PC (see the download link on the SO201 module homepage).

You could use the British Social Attitudes Survey 2006 as a data source for the cross-tabulations (see the link within the Data Sources sub-page of the module webpage).

You can access/revise the Social Research Methods cross-tabulation/chi-square material via the following link (also provided within the Week 1 activity sub-page to the module web-page): <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/sociology/prospective/undergraduate/modules/so243/2014-15/week8/>

Library course extracts on chi-square (for SO201) can be accessed via the link on the SO201 module homepage. The Bryman and Cramer extract covers the test and SPSS; the Reid extract contains perhaps the simplest description; the Walsh extract covers more technical detail.

**NB Don’t spend more than, say, an hour or two on this (unless you want to!)** I don’t expect you to have a perfect knowledge of chi-square, cross-tabulations or statistical testing, just a bit more recent familiarity with these (and with SPSS) than if you didn’t do it...