

The HILDA Survey: Progress and Developments

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Overview

- Data use
- Response rates
- Evolving content
- Data quality
- Future developments

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Data users (as at 19 Sept 2005)

<i>Type of user</i>	<i>Release 1 (final)</i>	<i>Release 2 (final)</i>	<i>Release 3</i>
Academic	87	120	118
Student	13	38	39
Commonwealth govt.	88	85	82
Other govt.	8	13	5
Other	7	8	8
TOTAL	203	264	252

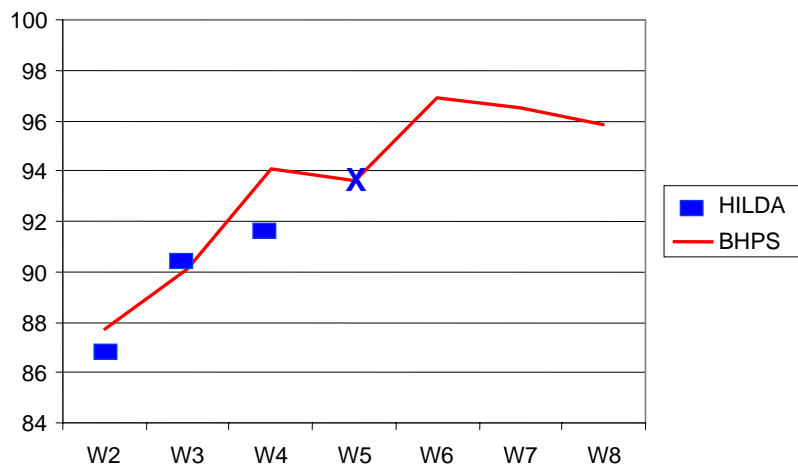
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Response rates

	Wave-on-wave (%)	% of W1 respondents
Wave 2	86.8	86.8
Wave 3	90.4	81.9
Wave 4	91.6	78.5

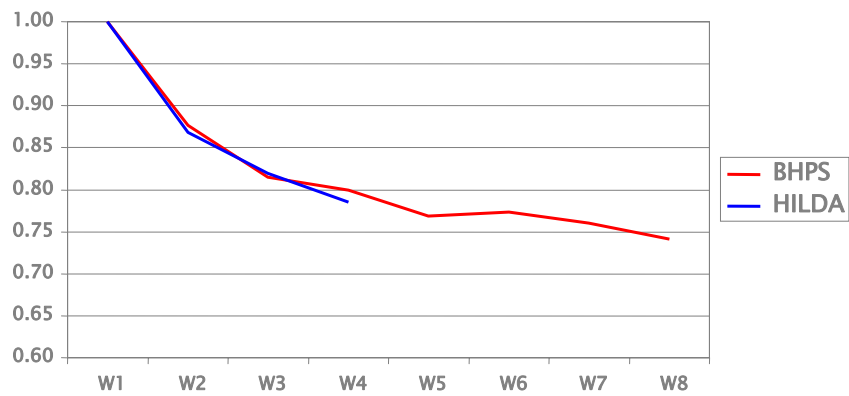
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HILDA vs BHPS (wave-on-wave %)



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HILDA vs BHPS (% of W1 sample)



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New content – Wave 4

- HQ
 - Household income (banded)*
- PQ
 - Private health insurance
 - Youth issues
 - Extra disability questions
 - Visa category (NPQ in future waves)
- SCQ
 - Religion

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New content – Wave 5

- CPQ
 - Fertility
 - Non co-residential relationships
 - Leave from work*
 - Carers*
 - Intentions and plans
 - Parents' education (NPQ in future waves)
- SCQ
 - Personality
 - Household expenditure
 - Intra-household division of labour
 - Attitudes to marriage & children
 - Additional job characteristics items*

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New content – Wave 6

- HQ / CPQ
 - Repeat of wealth (from W2)
- SCQ
 - Undecided

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The changing data

- Income imputation
- Sample weights
- Other issues
 - Longitudinal inconsistencies
 - Tax imputation
 - Recording of FY benefit income

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Future developments

- Immigrant top-up
 - Large infrequent top-up or small regular top-ups?
 - Where do we obtain sample frame?
 - Will main sample be compromised in any way?
 - Why restrict only to immigrants?
 - Should we test a variety of methods or only one?
- Cross National Equivalence File
- Computer assisted interviewing

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