

Changes to the HILDA data made between Release 7.0 (February 2009) and Release 8.0 (February 2010)

Changes to the Master File

- In-confidence master file, imputed dates of birth and imputation flag. Some imputed dates of birth were not being transferred from previous waves correctly.

Changes to Wave 7 files

Cleaning

- One child *xwaveid* corrected in Eperson and Combined files.
- Two (late) SCQs added.
- Gender swapped for a couple in one household (longitudinal inconsistency).

Corrections in calculations

- Taxes and imputed current weekly wages for main and other jobs are now top-coded in all files.
- Wave and date last interviewed: 273 continuing persons had not been assigned a wave and date last interviewed. Program corrected.
- Two Wave 7 sample weights corrected. *ghhwtes* 'DV: Enumerated person sample weight', and *ghhwths* 'DV: Household sample weight'.
- Distance moved corrected for a number of individuals.
- *_dhhdd* to *_dhsib*. A post-editing fix set a few cases as don't rather than not applicable. Corrected.

New variables

- *_hgyob* Year of birth.
- *_ordfnm* Number of defacto relationships lasting more than three months.
- Number of dependent children aged 0–4, 5–9, 10–14 and 15–24 (*_hhd0_4*, *_hhd5_9*, *_hhd1014*, *_hhd1524*). The partner's dependent children are counted for the respondent (if partnered).
- Pensions and benefits in the financial year.
- Imputed household expenditure variables.

Deleted variables

- *_ordfn* History: Number of defactos.
- *_bncaup*, *_bncaupi*, *_bncaupf*, *_bnfaup*, *_bnfaupi*, *_bnfaupf*, *_hicaupi*, *_hicaupf*, *_hifaupi*, *_hifaupf*.

Documentation corrections

- The page containing F33 and F34 (has any credit cards and how often pays off balances) was missing in the marked-up questionnaires at Release 7.
- Marked-up questionnaires: General Release Household Questionnaire: Removed child ID boxes from the top of the childcare grids.

Changes to Wave 6 files

Cleaning

- One child *xwaveid* corrected in Eperson and Combined files.
- Thirty-two corrections to HQ R9 Which household members are legal owners of home, as the persons identified are leavers or deceased.

Corrections in calculations

- Corrected household level imputation flags for joint credit card debt (*hwjccdf*) and own credit card debt (*hwoccdf*). They had been introduced after the change to the more detailed wealth imputation model at Release 6, but were empty.
- Taxes and imputed current weekly wages for main and other jobs are now top-coded in all files.
- Distance moved corrected for 24 individuals who split into a new household in a different CD accompanying someone else from the original household who had been assigned a distance moved.
- The new SCQ question on number of club memberships has been made consistent with the existing question on has any club memberships.
- *_dhhdd* to *_dhsib*. A post-editing fix set a few cases as don't know rather than not applicable. Corrected.

New variables

- *_hgyob* Year of birth.
- *_ordfnm* Number of defacto relationships lasting more than three months.
- Number of dependent children aged 0–4, 5–9, 10–14 and 15–24 (*_hhd0_4*, *_hhd5_9*, *_hhd1014*, *_hhd1524*). The partner's dependent children are counted for the respondent (if partnered).
- Pensions and benefits in the financial year.
- Imputed household expenditure variables.

Deleted variables

- *_ordfn* History: Number of defactos.
- *_bncaup*, *_bncaupi*, *_bncaupf*, *_bnfaup*, *_bnfaupi*, *_bnfaupf*, *_hicaupi*, *_hicaupf*, *_hifaupi*, *_hifaupf*.

Documentation corrections

- Marked-up questionnaires: General Release Household Questionnaire: Removed child ID boxes from the top of the childcare grids.

Changes to Wave 5 files

Corrections in calculations

- Taxes and imputed current weekly wages for main and other jobs are now top-coded in all files.
- ASGC assignment rewritten for Waves 2 to 5. ASGC had been processed as a batch when we moved to geocoding addresses to latitude/longitude (allowing accurate calculation of distance moved) and 2001 collection district (CD) for Waves 2 to 5 in 2006. A few cases were not updating ASGC correctly if a CD was changed at a later wave when a more accurate address match had been made.

New variables

- *_hgyob* Year of birth.
- *_ordfn* Number of defacto relationships lasting more than three months.
- Number of dependent children aged 0–4, 5–9, 10–14 and 15–24 (*_hhd0_4*, *_hhd5_9*, *_hhd1014*, *_hhd1524*). The partner’s dependent children are counted for the respondent (if partnered).
- Pensions and benefits in the financial year.
- Imputed household expenditure variables.

Deleted variables

- *_ordfn* History: Number of defactos.
- *_bncaup*, *_bncaupi*, *_bncaupf*, *_bnfaup*, *_bnfaupi*, *_bnfaupf*, *_hicaupi*, *_hicaupf*, *_hifaupi*, *_hifaupf*.

Documentation corrections

- Marked-up questionnaires: General Release Person Questionnaires: Removed month of death variables from G3 deceased child grid. General Release Household Questionnaire: Removed child ID boxes from the top of the childcare grids.

Changes to Wave 4 files

Corrections in calculations

- Taxes and imputed current weekly wages for main and other jobs are now top-coded in all files.
- ASGC assignment rewritten for Waves 2 to 5. ASGC had been processed as a batch when we moved to geocoding addresses to latitude/longitude (allowing accurate calculation of distance moved) and 2001 collection district (CD) for Waves 2 to 5 in 2006. A few cases were not updating ASGC correctly if a CD was changed at a later wave when a more accurate address match had been made.

New variables

- *_hgyob* Year of birth.
- *_ordfn* Number of defacto relationships lasting more than three months.
- Number of dependent children aged 0–4, 5–9, 10–14 and 15–24 (*_hhd0_4*, *_hhd5_9*, *_hhd1014*, *_hhd1524*). The partner’s dependent children are counted for the respondent (if partnered).
- Pensions and benefits in the financial year.
- Imputed household expenditure variables.

Deleted variables

- *_ordfn* History: Number of defactos.
- *_bncaup*, *_bncaupi*, *_bncaupf*, *_bnfaup*, *_bnfaupi*, *_bnfaupf*, *_hicaupi*, *_hicaupf*, *_hifaupi*, *_hifaupf*.

Documentation corrections

- Marked-up questionnaires: General Release Household Questionnaire: Removed child ID boxes from the top of the childcare grids.

Changes to Wave 3 files

Corrections in calculations

- Taxes and imputed current weekly wages for main and other jobs are now top-coded in all files.
- Twenty-one SCQ life events screening variables corrected to match period in which event occurred.
- ASGC assignment rewritten for Waves 2 to 5. ASGC had been processed as a batch when we moved to geocoding addresses to latitude/longitude (allowing accurate calculation of distance moved) and 2001 collection district (CD) for Waves 2 to 5 in 2006. A few cases were not updating ASGC correctly if a CD was changed at a later wave when a more accurate address match had been made.

New variables

- *_hgyob* Year of birth.
- *_ordfnm* Number of defacto relationships lasting more than three months.
- Number of dependent children aged 0–4, 5–9, 10–14 and 15–24 (*_hhd0_4*, *_hhd5_9*, *_hhd1014*, *_hhd1524*). The partner's dependent children are counted for the respondent (if partnered).
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Documentation corrections

- Marked-up questionnaires: General Release Household Questionnaire: Removed child ID boxes from the top of the childcare grids.

Changes to Wave 2 files

Cleaning

- 493 additional SCQs matched. These SCQs had been scanned by our fieldwork company in 2002, but not data processed. They were identified by an audit of the supplied SCQs at all waves, after investigation of a low SCQ response rate in 2008 showed that a batch of Wave 7 SCQs had been scanned but not supplied.
- Removal of one blank SCQ during matching of additional 493 SCQs.
- History variables for previous marriage: 48 cases had information on marital status, and when separated, divorced or widowed, transferred to previous marriage from NPQ present marriage when a new marriage occurred between Waves 1 and 2.
- Twenty-eight corrections to HQ R8 Which household members are legal owners of home, as the persons identified are leavers or deceased.

Corrections in calculations

- Corrected household level imputation flags for joint credit card debt (*_hwjccdf*) and own credit card debt (*_hwoccdf*). They had been introduced after the change to the more detailed wealth imputation model at Release 6, but were empty.

- Taxes and imputed current weekly wages for main and other jobs are now top-coded in all files.
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New variables

- *_hgyob* Year of birth.
- *_ordfnum* Number of defacto relationships lasting more than three months.
- Number of dependent children aged 0–4, 5–9, 10–14 and 15–24 (*_hhd0_4*, *_hhd5_9*, *_hhd1014*, *_hhd1524*). The partner’s dependent children are counted for the respondent (if partnered).
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Changes to Wave 1 files

Corrections in calculations

- Taxes and imputed current weekly wages for main and other jobs are now top-coded in all files.

New variables

- *_hgyob* Year of birth.
- *_ordfnum* Number of defacto relationships lasting more than three months.
- *afmfo6s* DV: AUSEI06 occupational status scale, Father’s occupation; and *afmmo6s* Mother’s occupation (they became history variables at later waves).
- Number of dependent children aged 0–4, 5–9, 10–14 and 15–24 (*_hhd0_4*, *_hhd5_9*, *_hhd1014*, *_hhd1524*). The partner’s dependent children are counted for the respondent (if partnered).
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Renamed variables

- *ahgivw* ‘HF interview status’ renamed to *ahgi* for Responding persons, for consistency with later waves. No change to Eperson file *ahgivw*.

Documentation corrections

- SCQ questions F4a-F4m had been mislabelled E4a-E4m for Releases 3–7.