

# Changes to the HILDA data made between Release 1.0 (October 2002) and Release 2.0 (January 2004)

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## Changes to Wave 1 files

- Changes are to Wave 1 files only, as these were the only files in existence at that time.

## Cleaning

- Corrections to HF relationship grids and family type variables found during Wave 2 fieldwork.
- Removed three children from one household as they were correctly recorded in another household.
- Corrected Wave 1 age and sex inconsistencies found during Wave 2 fieldwork.

## Corrections in calculations

- Where mixture of years and months given, years additively calculated for:
  - *aehtjb* 'DV: D3a Time in paid work (years)'
  - *aehtuj* 'DV: D3b Time unemployed, looking for work (years)'
  - *aehto* 'DV: D3c Time other than working or unemployed (years)'.
- Corrected calculation of H22/H23 Days/nights spent with non-resident parent {for per four-week period \*13 (\*12 had been used)}.
- Corrected calculation, division by 52 not 12 for *aehtuj* D3b Time unemployed, looking for work (years).
- Highest level of education *aedhigh*: Some nurses with diplomas incorrectly set to Bachelor's degree. Of 142, 113 now 'Undetermined'.
- Family type: A small number of dependent students were incorrectly classified as non-dependent children.
- Time lived in first defacto relationship (*aordflt*). Where mixture of years and months given, years additively calculated.
- Income model and tax model completely revised. Release 1.0 income derived variables should be discarded.
- Per cent of financial year not in the labour force (*acapnlf*) now calculated for students (if not working and not unemployed).

## New variables

- *aoifref* 'G33a Sources of payments received – Refused' and *aesempst* D10 Type of employee/employer had been dropped from the person dataset. Now supplied.
- Added four new duration of living arrangement variables.
- *aorcdur* 'DV: Current defacto duration (years)'.
- *amrcdur* 'DV: Current marriage duration (years)'.
- *amrwdur* 'DV: Current widowed duration (years)'.
- *amrsdur* 'DV: Currently separated duration (years)'.
- Income unit.
- Wealth variables.

## Renamed variables

- D12 *aujmtu* renamed to *aujwku* (as question asks weeks, not months), 'weeks' and 'year' appended to D12 labels.
- Renamed variables that had two-digit suffixes in both files to two-letter suffixes to allow for changes in questions over waves.

- This affects 652 HQ variables (questions Q4 Q7 Q8 Q10) 216 PQ variables and 83 SCQ variables.

### Documentation corrections

- Typographical error *arg11\_12* corrected to *arg12\_11* in marked-up relationship grid (Household Form).
- F2 Job search methods. Types of activity variable names *ajsact06* to *ajsact11* misnamed in Codeframe (incorrect number).
- Incorrect label in Rperson dataset (not documentation) for *aujljt* (label said 'occupation', now 'last employer').
- HF: Age variables incorrectly labelled in marked-up Household Form, *ahfagt1* to *ahfagt12* became *ahgage1* to *ahgage12*.
- First home owners (*ahspown*), codes swapped in codeframe (not marked-up questionnaires).
- Family type (*ahhfty01* to *ahhfty12*) calculation codes 28, 29 and 99 listed in the codeframe are not in use in provided data.
- Household expenditure on rent and groceries (*axpgroc*, *axpfood*, *axposml* and *ahsfa*) had inappropriate Don't Know values (9999).
- Documentation and frequencies updated to reflect changes above.

### Self-completion questionnaire

- Two late-arriving SCQs added and matched to person dataset: (16810, 08765).
- New match for an SCQ (03750) which had been set to unmatched while awaiting clarification on handwritten correction to the person id.
- Question B9, *alslanh* (neighbours helping each other out) and *alsland* (neighbours doing things together). Corrected variable names that had been swapped in supplied data.