Release 16 Data and Documentation Issues and Corrections

Version 2 (published December 2017)

HILDA CNEF Australian files and the PanelWhiz _version file had been excluded from the original zips available in Dataverse. This was fixed in Version 2.

Version 3 (published February 2018)

- Correction to the construction of disposable income, family payments and bonuses following the introduction of the new code to construct taxes, family benefits and bonuses for Release 16 (mentioned below). This affects the following variables: o Person-level disposable regular income and disposable total income (_tifdip, _tifdin, _tifditp, _tifditn). Between 3000 and 5000 persons each wave.
    - Household-level disposable regular income and disposable total income due to changes at the person level (_hifdip, _hifdin, _hifditp, _hifditn). Between 2500 and 4000 households each wave.
    - Household-level family payments (_hiffama). Up to 220 households each wave.
    - Household-level and family-level maternity payments (_hifmat, _bnmatf1, _bnfmatf2, _bnfmatf3). Up to 200 households each wave.
    - Person-level Australian Government bonus payments (_bnfboni). Approximately 200 persons in wave 9.
    - Household-level Australian Government bonus payments due to changes at the person level (_hifboni). Approximately 150 households in wave 9.
    - Associated person-level aggregate components that incorporate the corrected family payments and Australian Government bonus payment variables (_bnfnis, _bnfnisi, _bnfapt, _bnfapti, _tifeftp, _tifeftn, _tifefp, _tifefn). Up to 800 persons each wave.
    - Associated household-level aggregate components that incorporate the corrected person-level family payments and Australian Government bonus payment variables (_hifnisi, _hifapti, _hifefp, _hifefn, _hifeftp, _hifeftn). Up to 450 households each wave.

- Conversion issues with Rdata files. Errors have been found in the conversion of the data files into the Rdata format produced for Release 16. These errors related to some variables with continuous distributions that also included value labels denoting missing or non-applicable values (such as not asked or not answered). The conversion of the data resulted in missing values being generated for the unlabelled values of these variables.
  It has been decided to withdraw the Rdata format files from the updated release. R users are recommended to use either the tab-delimited format files, or one of the SPSS, Stata or SAS format files in conjunction with the R foreign() package (for details see section below ‘Datasets for R’).