Release 14.0 Data and Documentation Issues and Corrections

HILDA User Manual – Release 14

Some superscript formatting was lost in the creation of the User Manual for the version on the DVD, which made 4 weight variable names look like they ended in a '1'. A corrected version is available here.

Salary Sacrifice – Waves 10-14

In the combined file three imputed salary sacrifice variables have the value -10 'Non-responding person' but imputed values are available in the enumerated person file. Affects _wscmes, _wscees, _wscees. Drop these 3 variables from the combined files and merge the same wave Eperson files by xwaveid, which will add the 3 variables back in.

Income model

For around 15 Wave 14 households, the topcoded household gross income is not the sum of the (imputed) topcoded household components.

This was due to a flurry of small corrections being applied to the income model around the release date.

Removal of SF36 Physical Component Summary (_ghpcs) and SF36 Mental Component Summary (_ghmcs) at Release 14

These variables are not likely to be restored in a future release of HILDA. Researchers can create their own versions from the eight SF-36 scales (_ghpf, _ghrp, _ghbp, _ghgh, _ghvt, _ghsf, _ghre, _ghmh) using the ABS's factor and z-scores (4399.0 - National Health Survey: SF36 Population Norms, Australia, 1995, Explanatory Note 21) or can generate their own factor and z-scores from the HILDA data.