

# 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

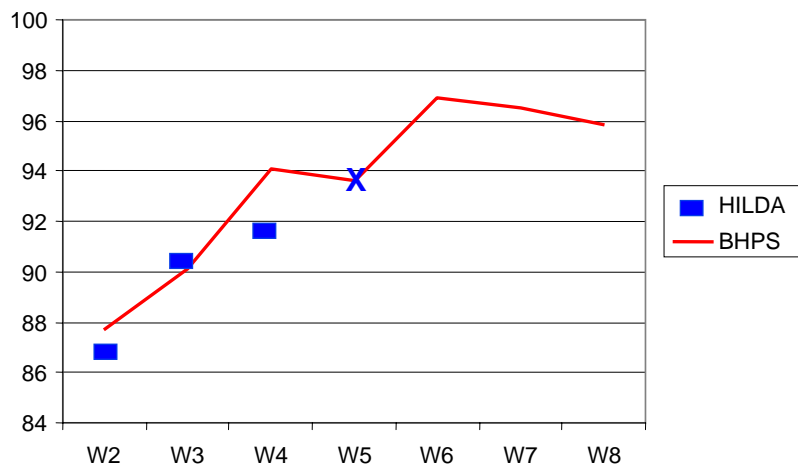
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## Response rates

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

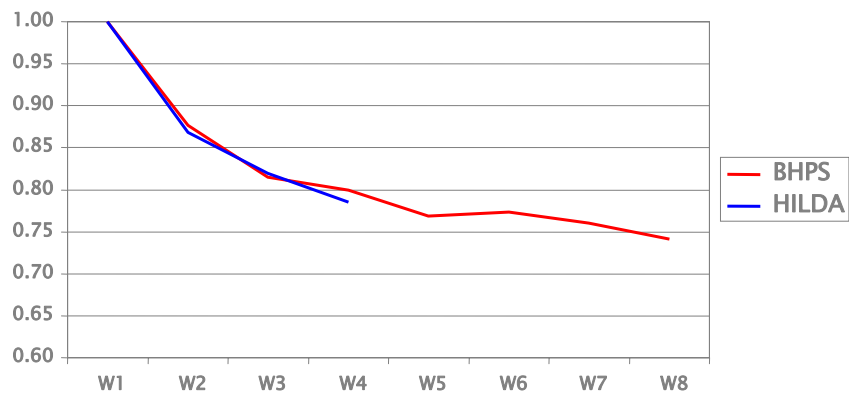
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## HILDA vs BHPS (wave-on-wave %)



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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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