



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT LIS? News for interested Australian researchers February 2007

In 2007, LIS is moving ahead with a number of plans that will benefit Australian researchers interested in accessing LIS data for the first time, as well as seasoned users of LIS.

Some of the exciting developments at LIS – in the recent past and in the future -- include:

- ❖ In September 2006, LIS added new microdata from 2000 for France, which users can now access.
- ❖ In January 2007, LIS made two Australian datasets available to users (survey years 1995 and 2001).
- ❖ In February 2007, we will start to make available a second release of our Wave 5 LIS microdata. Release 2 will update and extend our data template to reflect recent social policy reforms, changes in our participating countries' surveys, and two decades of our collective learning about data harmonization. Among other advances, Release 2 will include extended and upgraded labour market variables, which will enable new lines of research. (Wave 5, Release 1, will remain available.)

The datasets for Wave 5, Release 2, will be made available online in three stages:

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- ❖ In March 2007, LIS will also begin to put up datasets as part of LIS' Wave 6, which will be centred on survey year 2004. Australia 2003 will be the first Wave 6 dataset to go online!
- ❖ Later this spring, LIS will introduce a new version of the LIS Web Tabulator, which will allow registered users to construct cross-national tables on-line.
- ❖ In collaboration with the World Bank, this year, LIS will initiate a project that will add new tables to our Key Figures. These tables will be focused on cross-country gender inequalities in income and employment.
- ❖ Late in 2007, we plan to open the new Luxembourg Wealth Study database to public access. See <http://www.lisproject.org/lws.htm> for an overview of the LWS project.