



LIS

The *Luxembourg Income Study Database (LIS)* contains harmonised income microdata, spanning decades, from countries mainly in Europe, North America, Latin America, Asia, and Australasia.

LIS contains variables on market income, public transfers and taxes, household- and person-level characteristics, labour market outcomes, and expenditures.



LWS

The *Luxembourg Wealth Study Database (LWS)* contains harmonised wealth microdata, from the 1990s and 2000s, from countries mainly in Europe, North America, and Asia.

LWS includes variables on assets and debt, market and government income, household characteristics, labour market outcomes, expenditures, and behavioural indicators.



The LIS mission is to enable, facilitate, promote, and conduct cross-national comparative research on socio-economic outcomes and on the institutional factors that shape those outcomes.

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CROSS-NATIONAL
DATA CENTER
in Luxembourg

Luxembourg Office

The main office of LIS houses the *LIS* and *LWS Databases*, and a team of professionals who perform the essential roles of the organisation: data acquisition, harmonisation, documentation, user support, and instruction.

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Who We Are

LIS is an independent, non-profit organisation registered in Luxembourg.

Board

The Board is comprised of funders, data providers, and other contributors, and follows an international, cooperative model of governance.

Directors

Luxembourg Office: Professor Daniele Checchi
United States Office: Professor Janet Gornick

Staff

LIS' staff is responsible for data production, IT design and maintenance, and onsite instruction and research.

Contributors

LIS is supported by a diverse group of funders and data providers. Institutions and individuals interested in contributing to LIS should contact admin@lisdatacenter.org.

What We Do

LIS acquires, harmonises, and documents microdata, and makes them publicly available in two databases, the *Luxembourg Income Study Database (LIS)* and the *Luxembourg Wealth Study Database (LWS)*.

Data

The *LIS* and *LWS Databases* contain variables on income, employment, household characteristics, expenditures, and wealth. The microdata are stored on a secure server and are accessible to registered users.

Documentation

Documenting the microdata, both the variable construction and the institutional context, is a crucial component of LIS' work. Extensive documentation is available for both the *LIS* and *LWS* datasets.

Support and Opportunities

LIS provides support services and training through its annual summer workshop in Luxembourg, local workshops held in other countries, and online user support. LIS also hosts visiting scholars, interns, and pre- and postdoctoral researchers.

Scholarly Exchange

LIS is a resource for cross-national research in the social sciences, serving as a venue for international conferences and a virtual host for scholarly exchange.

How We Work

LIS is a unique organisation with the knowledge, skills, and expertise to take months of detailed, exacting data production work off researchers' desks, thereby enabling them to concentrate on analysing the data. How is this possible?

Step 1.

We identify appropriate datasets

LIS assesses the quality and comparability of the original datasets.

Step 2.

We negotiate with each data provider

LIS carries out the time-consuming work of dataset acquisition.

Step 3.

We harmonise and document the microdata

LIS' data experts harmonise the microdata into a common, cross-national template, and create comprehensive documentation.

Step 4.

We double-check the harmonised microdata

Ensuring the reliability of the harmonised data is a high priority at LIS.

Step 5.

We make the microdata available to researchers

LISSY processes microdata queries written in SAS, SPSS or Stata for users at remote locations.

Registration is required.

The *Web Tabulator* enables users to create tables based on the *LIS* datasets.

The *LIS Key Figures* provide standardised national indicators on poverty, inequality, and employment outcomes.

- **Assessing income inequality**
- **Measuring poverty**
- **Comparing employment outcomes**
- **Analysing assets and debt**
- **Researching policy impacts**

Getting Started

Visit the [LIS website](http://lisdatacenter.org) to learn more about:

- Online registration
- *LISSY*
- *Web Tabulator*
- *Inequality and Poverty Key Figures*
- *Employment Key Figures by Gender*
- Countries included in the *LIS* and *LWS Databases*
- *Working Papers Series* with full-text articles
- Workshops
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