

Luxembourg Income Study (LIS)

The entity that has organized the survey and is responsible for data collection – as well as key data on the entity's membership, governance arrangements, source of funding etc.

LIS is a cross-national data center located in Luxembourg, which organizes the Luxembourg Income Study surveys. It is home to the Luxembourg Income Study Database and the Luxembourg Wealth Study Database. It is also an independent and non-profit organisation.

LIS consists of the Board, the Directors and the Staff. [The Board](#) is international and consists of funders, data providers, and other contributors. Janet Gornick is Director with Markus Jäntti who is the Research Director. The Staff is responsible for data production, IT design and maintenance, and onsite instruction and research. A complete list of directors and staff is [available here](#).

LIS is primarily supported by the Luxembourg Ministry of Culture, Higher Education and Research. In addition, they are funded by a number of other institutions, like research facilities and statistics offices in other countries – for more details on these, please refer to [the list of contributors](#).

Note that LIS does not conduct its own surveys. It collects datasets based on surveys that have been fielded by data providers in the participating countries and *harmonises* the microdata into a common template to make the datasets as comparable as possible.

A historical sketch of the initiation and origin of the survey

LIS has published a video lasting half an hour about the creation of LIS, which is [uploaded on youtube](#).

Internet links to the website of the responsible organization

<http://www.lisdatacenter.org>

The frequency or repetitions of the survey. Possible explanation of this.

There are datasets that go all the way back to 1968. According to GESIS, the frequency is normally every fifth year, but both starting year and frequency vary between countries. This list of datasets show when the different countries conducted their rounds. However, LIS enlists the following waves:

Wave I: Around 1980
Wave II: Around 1985
Wave III: Around 1990
Wave IV: Around 1995
Wave V: Around 2000
Wave VI: Around 2004
Wave VII: Around 2007
Wave VIII: Around 2010

A description of the survey's content, i.e. both focused rotational and / or core modules of the survey

The Luxembourg Income Study Database includes information on market and government income, demography, employment and expenditures; but also income datasets. Together these make it possible to study the effects of economic and social policies on poverty, income inequality etc.

An outline of the type of sample and the main data collection methods used

Sampling procedures and data collection methods are country-specific. For country-specific information, please [click here](#).

An account of the availability of the data to researchers, restrictions on access, etc.

Students have free access to the data. Non-students have free access given that their country is an active financial contributor to LIS. In some cases registration is needed, in others it is not. For detailed information, please refer to [this list](#). Use of the data for commercial purposes is strictly forbidden. Some of the microdata may not be accessed directly due to restrictions from the data providers.

Questionnaires, English version

Please follow the link under sampling procedures and data collection methods.

The countries included in the different rounds

The rounds are country-specific. There is a [tabular overview](#) of when the different countries participated in the different rounds.

Cumulative file of the various rounds

There is no cumulative file.

Publications based on the data

LIS has no complete publication list. However, they do have a [list of books](#) based on their data and a list of [LIS Working Papers](#).

Analytical summary...

Sources

Unless otherwise noted, all information is extracted from the website of LIS Data Center.

GESIS, *Cross-national survey programmes based on population samples*. Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences. Accessible at <http://www.gesis.org/en/institute/competence-centers/rdc-international-survey-programmes/data-references/> [11.06.2013]