

## NLC Data Update 1

### Changes to the NLC 1997 Working Dataset

This is the first update in the Data Update Series for the Negotiating the Life Course data. These updates are to ensure that NLC data users are aware of any changes made to the data. If you have any queries concerning the following data update or suggestions for changes to the NLC data (new variables you have created or variables that you would like created) please email [nlc@anu.edu.au](mailto:nlc@anu.edu.au).

#### **CHANGES TO EXISTING VARIABLES IN NLC WAVE 1 (1997)**

**The following variables have been removed from the working dataset:**

TOTCHILD	Total number of children expected
EXTRACH	Number of extra children wanted
AGEFB	Age at first birth
AGE2B	Age at second birth
HHFLAGGP	Grandparent in household
HHFLAGGK	Grandchild in the household
HHFLAGOR	Other relative in household
HHFLAGBS	Brother or sister in household
HHPOS	Respondents position in household
INCUNIT	Income Unit Type
NOCHHH	Total number of children in the house
GEOACOM	Geometric equivalence scale
GEOU22	Geometric equivalence scale for children
NOPHHA	Number of people in the household including adults/children
NOPHHU22	Number of people in household including adults/children under 22
OECDU22	OECD equivalence scale for adults and children under 22
OECD A	OECD equivalence scale for all persons
HENSCA	Henderson scale – for households with children under 22
HENSCB	Henderson scale – for households with any aged children

**The following variable has been added to the working dataset:**

HIGHED      Highest level of education of respondent

VARIABLE LABEL FOR HIGHED  
                  'Highest education of respondent'.

VALUE LABELS FOR HIGHED  
                  1 'Bachelor degree or higher'  
                  2 'Undergrad or associate diploma'  
                  3 'Vocational qual'  
                  4 'Complete secondary'  
                  5 'Incomplete secondary, primary or still at school (11)'.

This variable combines data from Q52, Q54 and Q57 of the NLC Wave 1 Questionnaire.

## **SPSS Syntax used to create HIGHED**

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**Syntax to create highest level of education of respondent.
compute highed=0.
**if highest post-school stated.
do if q57_rec=1.
compute highed=1.
else if q57_rec=2.
compute highed=1.
else if q57_rec=3.
compute highed=1.
else if q57_rec=4.
compute highed=2.
else if q57_rec=5.
compute highed=2.
else if q57_rec=6.
compute highed=3.
else if q57_rec=7.
compute highed=3.

**if first post-school stated.
else if q54_rec=1.
compute highed=1.
else if q54_rec=2.
compute highed=1.
else if q54_rec=3.
compute highed=1.
else if q54_rec=4.
compute highed=2.
else if q54_rec=5.
compute highed=2.
else if q54_rec=6.
compute highed=3.
else if q54_rec=7.
compute highed=3.

**if high school only.
else if q52=1.
compute highed=4.
else if q52=2.
compute highed=5.
else if q52=3.
compute highed=5.
else if q52=5.
compute highed=5.
end if.

FORMATS highed (F1.0).
VARIABLE LABELS highed 'Highest education of respondent'.
VALUE LABELS highed 1 'Bachelor degree or higher'
2 'Undergrad or associate diploma'
3 'Vocational qual'
4 'Complete secondary'
5 'Incomplete secondary, primary or still at school (11)'.
FREQUENCIES VARIABLES=highed.
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## **ACCESSING THE REVISED DATA**

The updated dataset is available from [nlc@anu.edu.au](mailto:nlc@anu.edu.au).