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

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

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

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

**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).

**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.

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

**Step 5. We make the microdata available to researchers**
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