

WIID3.4 Revision note

In WIID3.4, we retain the basic concept and structure of the earlier database, WIID3.3, and try to report as thoroughly as possible the underlying data. The main changes with respect to WIID3.3 are stated in this document.

New observations

WIID3.4 comprises of 8,817 observations, whereas WIID3.3 had 7,153. The following table summarizes the numbers of observations for different time periods:

Time span	8,817
Before 1960	306
1960–69	664
1970–79	757
1980–89	1,208
1990–99	2,215
2000–09	2,552
2010–15	1,115

The database now has observations for 182 countries (including historical entities), up from the 176 in WIID3.3.

Changes to WIID3.3

Many observations from the World Bank World Development Indicators had duplicates; these observations have been removed.

Old Eurostat observations have been replaced with updated figures. Furthermore, problems with the bottom and top 5% percentiles (*P5* and *P95*) have been corrected.

Most cases where mean and median incomes were given, but currency references were missing, have been corrected by referring to the source.

Some cases where the reported values of the Gini coefficient were inconsistent with historical trends, have been verified with the source and corrected accordingly. Mean/median value inconsistencies have been resolved, to large extent, after cross-checking with data sources.

Welfare definition and equivalence scale categories have been consolidated by correcting spellings — for example, ‘Household eq,sqrt’ and ‘Household eq, square root’ now both fall under ‘Household eq, sqrt’.

UN regional classification variables now follow the official UN geographical classification. We provide both a regional and sub-regional variable (*Region_sub*), with the latter introduced in WIID3.4.

The area coverage variable, *AreaCovr_new*, has been updated in WIID 3.4 to better reflect the actual geographical coverage of surveys.

Population variable *POP* has been renamed as *Population* and variable *Reference_period* as *Reference_Period*. Variable *Revision* is now a string variable. Variable labels have also been updated.

Please refer to the WIID3.4 User guide for complete description of variables and the format of the database.