

Version Note

WIID Companion 30 JUNE 2022

Since March 2021, a WIID Companion consisting of two new datasets is included along the main WIID dataset. One reports inequality data by country and the other reports inequality data globally. These datasets offer users a curated set of inequality statistics, where most of the necessary data selection and adjustment has already been taken care of by inequality and data experts.

This version retains the concepts and methods of the previous version, released on May 31, 2021. The two datasets have been updated to reflect the new updated version of the WIID (30 June 2022), in particular the revised and updated values for observations from LIS (first quarter release of the microdata), EUSILC, ECLAC and PIP, and other minor corrections made in the WIID. The methods are described in a set of technical notes and supporting material ([links](#)).

The new version of LIS used in the construction of the WIID Companion included information for Mali for the first time. This information has been used for constructing the corresponding series for this country, but, however, has not been used in the regression-based adjustment of the series in other countries due to some inconsistencies in the relation between income and consumption inequality over time that need further investigation.

Users are kindly referred to the WIID [User Guide](#) and its Version Note for the complete description of the variables and the format of the database.

Corrections:

22 August 2022: If you downloaded the wiidglobal database file or Stata package of this version before 22 August, please note that the distribution of income in China before 1964 has since been corrected after detection of some errors.