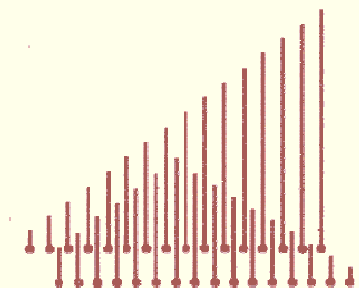


# WERS 2004

## Fourth User Group Meeting

Jointly hosted by WPEG and WIAS

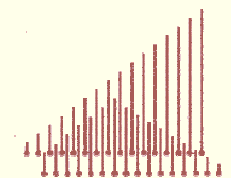
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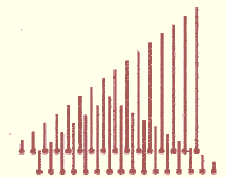
# Outline

- About WIAS
- Recent activities
- Future plans



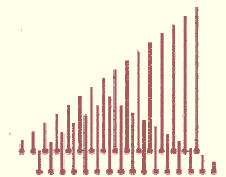
# Rationale

- Funded by the ESRC
- Aims to encourage use of WERS data in research and teaching
- WIAS to promote and support use of WERS 2004 through provision of information and advice



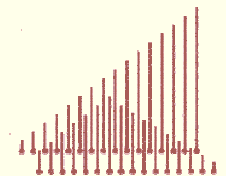
# Aims of WIAS

- Promote wider access to, and use of, the publicly-available data
- Maintain the integrity of the publicly-available data
- Provide direct support for users
- Support the user community
- Augment the publicly-available data



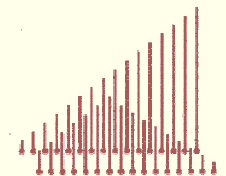
# General guidance for users

- General guidance on analysis of WERS
- Answers to approximately 30 FAQs are provided on our website, covering:
  - obtaining documentation and data
  - finding your way around the files
  - manipulating the data files
  - derived variables
  - weighting and statistical inference
  - publishing your research



# Answering further questions

- Helpline (via email or telephone)
- Email: [wers2004@niesr.ac.uk](mailto:wers2004@niesr.ac.uk)
- Telephone: +44 (0) 20 7654 1933
- Receiving around 3 queries per week (over 350 in total)
- Aim to respond within 3 working days (although often sooner)



# Developing the user community

- Open discussion list (moderated)
- Circa 120 members
- WIAS use to announce news and events
- To post to the list:

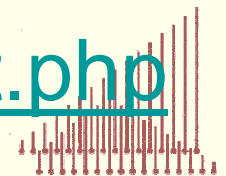
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- To view the archive:

<http://www.jiscmail.ac.uk/lists/WERS.html>

- For full details on joining please see:

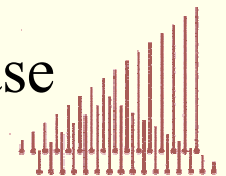
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# Since the third user group...

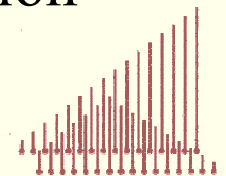
## Revision to 1998-2004 Panel Survey data

- Employment data for an additional 88 cases, expanding the sample for the analysis of 1998-2004 employment change to 1,528 cases
- **Additional data at the ONS VML**
  - Postcodes for surveyed workplaces
  - Link to Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings (ASHE) + Third Technical Paper on ASHE-WERS link (Davies and Welpton, 2008)
  - Link to ONS Business Structure Database (BSD)
  - Link to Financial Analysis Made Easy (FAME) database



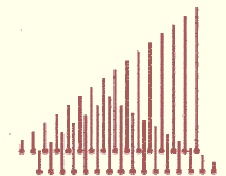
# Since the third user group...

- TTWA variables now available at UK Data Archive
  - Unemployment and vacancy rates for WERS 2004, WERS98 and 1998-2004 Panel
  - Ethnic minority share, and urban-rural indicator for WERS 2004
- Variables available from UK Data Archive are banded where necessary
- More detailed variables available at ONS VML
  - Unbanded TTWA variables
  - Establishment postcodes, to enable further matching via National Statistics Postcode Directory (e.g. to deprivation indices)



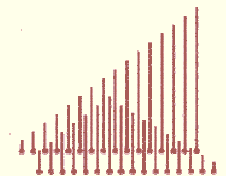
# Since the third user group...

- Contextual data on occupations (SOC 2000 unit group level) now available at UK Data Archive
  - Composition by gender, ethnicity, age, disability
  - Average gross hourly wages
  - % with different levels of academic or vocational qualifications
  - Female and male CAMSIS scores



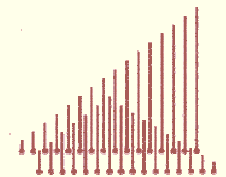
# Remaining outputs from current grant

- Further technical paper: 'Spotlight on ten question areas'
  - Background to new / revised questions in WERS 2004
  - Validation tests; methodological choices; methods of analysis
- WERS Time-Series
  - Adding fifth time-point for 2004
  - Around 300 time-consistent variables from the Management Questionnaires of 1980, 1984, 1990, 1998 and 2004



# After March 2008...

- Seeking extension to grant, but in any case...
  - Low level support
  - Further user groups (with help)
  - Web-site maintained



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