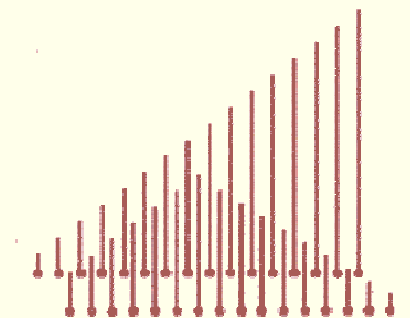


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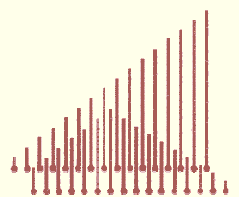
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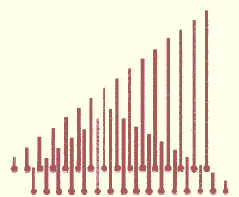
Outline

- Rationale for WIAS
- About WIAS
- Ongoing activities
- Recent developments
- Future plans



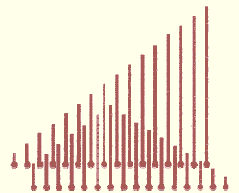
Rationale

- Funded by the ESRC until Feb 2008
- 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



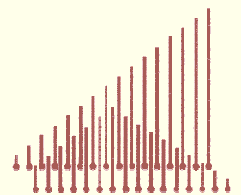
Aims of WIAS

- 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



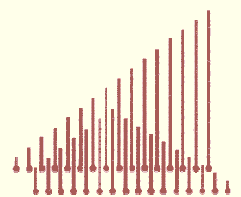
General guidance for users

- 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
- Telephone: +44 (0) 20 7654 1933
- Over 320 queries since WIAS started
- Aim to respond within 3 working days (although often sooner)



Developing the user community

- Open discussion list (moderated)
- Currently circa 120 members
- WIAS use to announce news and events

- To post to the list:

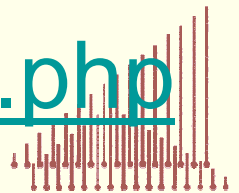
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- To view the archive:

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

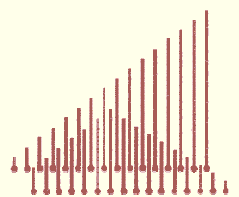
- For full details on joining please see:

<http://www.wers2004.info/about/contact.php>



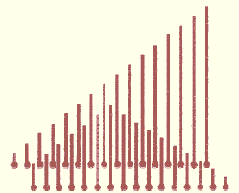
Since the second user group...

- Added frequency tables for Employee Representatives Questionnaire
- Variable notes and primary analysis errata – periodically updated
- WERS 2004 now available through Nesstar
- WIAS Technical Paper 2:
Forth and McNabb (2007) “A comparison of subjective and objective measures of workplace performance in WERS 2004”



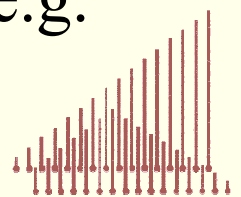
Since the second user group...

- Additional data available from UK Data Archive since April 2007, including:
 - Region and industry identifiers
 - Data from the FPQ
 - Revised weight for the SEQ
 - Plus some small additional revisions



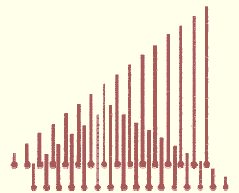
Since the second user group...

- TTWA variables deposited at UK Data Archive in Sept 2007
 - 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 to be available at ONS VML
 - Unbanded TTWA variables
 - Establishment post-codes, to enable further matching (e.g. to deprivation indices)



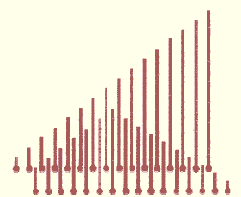
WERS research database

- Existing WERS bibliography now available online (more than 550 entries)
- Full contents of online database are also available as a pdf file – to be updated periodically
- Please add details of your research to the database (or email us if preferred)



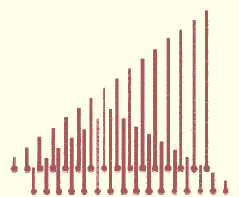
Future plans (1)

- Further technical papers
 - New and innovative data items
 - Analysis of linked data
 - Analysis of panel data
- Teaching resources using WERS
- Fourth user group meeting early in 2008



Future plans (2)

- Matching of additional data items – more to come later...
- Investigating potential links to other datasets
- Adding a time-point to the WERS time series dataset



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