How it Works
Step 1. Identify appropriate datasets
Step 2. Negotiate with each data provider
Step 3. Harmonize data
Step 4. Document harmonized data
Step 5. Make data available to researchers

The LIS mission is to enable, facilitate, promote, and conduct cross-national comparative research on socio-economic outcomes and on the institutional factors that shape those outcomes.

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What We Do
LIS acquires, harmonizes, and documents microdata, and makes them publicly available in two databases, the Luxembourg Income Study Database (LIS) and the Luxembourg Wealth Study Database (LWS).

LIS and LWS Databases Include:
45+ middle- and high-income countries
62% of world population
84% of world GDP

Luxembourg Income Study Database (LIS)
First and largest available database of harmonized income data.
Used to study: poverty; income inequality; labor market outcomes.

Luxembourg Wealth Study Database (LWS)
First available database of harmonized wealth data.
Used to study: household assets, debt, and expenditures; wealth portfolios.

Example Research from LIS

LIS’ Users and Publications
Since 2007, 844 US-based researchers have registered to use the LIS data, around 30% of all active users.
U.S. researchers come from over 50 institutions, including:
Bureau of Labor Statistics
City University of New York (CUNY)
Columbia University
International Monetary Fund (IMF)
Princeton University
University of California, Berkeley
Stanford University
State University of New York (SUNY)
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF)
World Bank (WB)
Thousands of data users and growing
New data users doubled in 2011-2012
Remote execution enables use around the world
Free access for students in all countries
Hundreds of publications

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