ISSDA Newsletter

Spring 2025

Welcome to the Spring 2025 edition of the ISSDA Newsletter.

Read on to learn about the new way of keeping up with ISSDA news, to meet our new ISSDA Research Data Librarian, and to see the new additions to ISSDA datasets...

ISSDA News

Join ISSDA on Bluesky

There is a new way to keep up to date with ISSDA news and announcements. Follow us at "@issda.bsky.social".

Meet ISSDA's New Research Data Librarian

ISSDA is delighted to welcome Jade Smith as the new Research Data Librarian. In this role, Jade will assist ISSDA with outreach and training.

Updated ISSDA Data Deposit Form

We have updated the ISSDA Data Deposit Form. The Data Deposit Form collects information about the dataset and contact details for individuals who we can contact regarding the dataset. Metadata is created from the information entered in the ISSDA Data Depositor Form. Metadata is the information about the data study which ensures its findability, interoperability and reusability. The fields in the form correspond to Data Documentation Initiative (DDI) an international metadata standard for Social Science research data and use CESSDA Controlled Vocabularies.

Find the ISSDA Data Deposit Form on the ISSDA Policies page of the ISSDA website.

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ISSDA Zotero Library Updated

ISSDA recently updated the ISSDA Zotero Library of publications using or citing ISSDA datasets. If you have used datasets available through ISSDA in your research and your publication isn't listed please let us know by emailing issda@ucd.ie.

Check out the ISSDA Zotero Library.

Remember if you use secondary data in your research it is important to cite the data as you would any other source. Learn more about why its important to "Cite the Data" from the UK Data Service.

New Datasets

The following datasets were recently added to ISSDA and are now available to request.

Irish Architecture Career Tracker (IACT) Survey, 2023

The Irish Architecture Career Tracker survey's primary focus was to understand why people leave the profession of architecture, attitudes towards and perceptions of gender equality within the profession and the wider discipline, as well as sexism and discrimination.

It includes items which look at the architecture as a profession and the occupations which come under its umbrella as a broader discipline. Also examining work culture, such as long working hours, as well as standard measures of work-family conflict and work pressure, and subjective stress. Including new measures of attitudes towards gender equity developed by the European Social Survey Round 11 'Gender in Contemporary Europe: Rethinking Equality and the Backlash'.

The RIAI (Royal Institute of Architects Ireland) provided funding through the IRC grant.

For more information and to request access visit the IACT data study page.

Growing up in Ireland Cohort '98 (Child Cohort) Wave 4 at 20 years Time Use Data

Growing up in Ireland Cohort '98 (Child Cohort) Wave 4 at 20 years Time Use Data from the Central Statistics Office(CSO). All 20-year-olds who were successfully interviewed in the main study at Wave 4 were invited to self-complete the Time-Use Diary. The Time-Use Diary recorded details on the activities of the 20-year-old over a 24-hour period divided into 15 minute intervals. The Time Use data available from ISSDA contains data from 2,624 diaries.

[More information and to request the data go to the Growing up In Ireland Cohort '98 (Child Cohort) Wave 4 - 20 years, 2019 study page.](#)

IDS-TILDA Wave 4

The Intellectual Disability Supplement to the Irish Longitudinal Study on Ageing (IDS-TILDA) is a longitudinal study researching ageing in Ireland among people with an intellectual disability aged 40 and over. This study is the first of its kind in Europe, and the only study able to directly compare the ageing of people with an intellectual disability with the general ageing population. The underpinning values of IDS-TILDA are inclusion, choice, empowerment, person centred, the promotion of people with intellectual disability, the promotion of best practice and to contribute to the lives of people with intellectual disability.

IDS-TILDA Wave 4 provides much needed data on the health, social, economic and environmental circumstances of 739 people as they grow older and how their circumstances change over a period of time.

For more information and to request the data go to the IDS-TILDA Wave 4 data study page.

National Maternity Experience Survey, 2020

The survey is part of the National Care Experience Programme — a joint initiative by the Health Information and Quality Authority (HIQA), the Health Service Executive (HSE) and the Department of Health. The aim of the survey was to learn from the experiences of women to improve the safety and quality of the care that they and their babies received.

The survey questionnaire contained 68 questions which capture the whole maternity pathway from antenatal care, through labour and birth, to postnatal care in the community.

For more information and to request the data go to the National Maternity Experience Survey page.
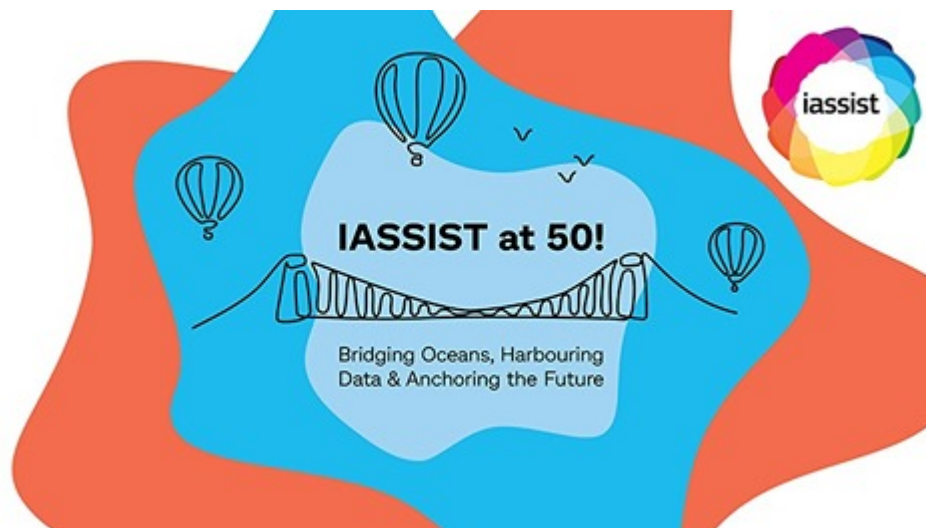
Update to Labour Force Survey (LFS)

The Labour Force Survey (LFS) is a large-scale, nationwide survey of households in Ireland conducted by the Central Statistics Office. It is designed to produce quarterly labour force estimates that include the official measure of employment and unemployment in the state.

This update adds the data for Q4 2024, thereby completing the data for that year. Please be aware that there was a change in format for the Labour Force Survey. It is now being issued in CSV and SAS format. It will no longer be issued in STATA.

For more information and to request the data go to the Labour Force Survey study page.

Upcoming Training and Events

IASSIST - 50th Annual Conference of IASSIST

IASSIST at 50! Bridging oceans, harbouring data & anchoring the future

June 3-6 2025 | Bristol, UK

IASSIST (International Association for Social Science Information Services and Technology) is an international organization of professionals working with information technology and data services to support research and teaching.

For the programme and more information see the IASSIST website.

ESRA 2025 Conference

ESRA 2025 Conference
July 14-18 2025 | Utrecht University in Utrecht, The Netherlands

ESRA hosts its main conference every two years to bring together applied survey researchers, methodologists, and statisticians from Europe and beyond. The conference showcases the latest survey research and offers a number of professional development opportunities, including short courses and awards. The conference theme is "Promises and problems of new and alternative data sources and data formats for survey research. Methodological challenges and substantive conclusions".

For more information see the RDA website.

National Open Research Festival 2025

Save the date: National Open Research Festival 2025
November 6-7 2025 | Royal Irish Academy, Dublin

The theme of NORFest 2025 is 'Synergies'. Additional details will be shared in the coming weeks but for now, be sure to save the dates!

Resource Highlight

CESSDA Vocabulary Service

Check out CESSDA Vocabulary Service!

One of CESSDA's Digital Tools, the Vocabulary Service enables its users to discover, browse, and download controlled vocabularies. Downloading is possible in SKOS, HTML and PDF formats, in the languages selected.

The 3.4.0 version of the CESSDA Vocabulary Service was made available in March of this year.

ISSDA's new Data Deposit Form requests depositors use CESSDA Controlled Vocabularies to standardize terms, allowing for the comparison of data studies.

Read about the new features here.

Access CESSDA Vocabulary Service here.