



**Fw: Household Economic Resources Network of Users update - June, 2019**

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Hi 22,

Thanks for passing along this note.

While some assets, e.g. bank accounts, are collected from each person in households in the SIH, it is correct that liabilities are not collected at the person level.

Having said this, we have changed collection of two liability categories in the SIH from 2017-18 onwards. Credit card balances and student loan balances have been collected at the person level in the 2017-18 SIH and will continue to be collected this way moving forward. These items will not be presented in our data cubes at the person level but will be made available in some of our microdata products and via paid consultancy at this level.

Part of the reason for collecting some wealth items at the household level is due the respondents ability to accurately report shared assets and liabilities at the individual level (e.g. reporting the incorrect share of ownership, double counting, undercounting, etc). We therefore ask for one total value to be reported for certain items to ensure we are receiving the correct amounts.

A majority of our outputs and analyses are performed at the household level, so we do our best to ensure household estimates are as accurate as possible. While there may be individual ownership of assets, the benefit of asset ownership is shared, at least to some extent, between members of the household. Therefore, household level estimates are most appropriate for analysis of economic wellbeing (both income and wealth) and we tend to focus on this in our published results.

Kind Regards,

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Would be good to feedback to the ABS that an individual level measure of wealth would be useful. SIH doesn't seem to measure liabilities at the individual level.

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The 2017–18 SIH *Household Income and Wealth* publication (cat. no. 6523.0) will be released on **12 July, 2019** (previously advertised for 18 June, 2019). This publication presents the distribution of income and wealth across the population, over time and by various household characteristics (e.g. income and wealth quintiles, main source of income, wealth, household type, tenure and employment status).

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Hi 22,

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In terms of educational attainment, this is not something we publish in our data cubes. However, educational attainment and other education related data items are available in our microdata products (CURF, DataLab and TableBuilder) which allow users to undertake analysis of these items in the SIH - we are also able to provide these data items via paid consultancy. These items exist in each cycle of the SIH going back a number of years.

Happy to chat further if you would like more information on data items and what is available in our microdata products.

Kind Regards,

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Hi 22

Can you please see Lewis' query highlighted in yellow below. Do you know if this will be available in future? 22

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Could you please consider whether we want to put out an economic note about this highlighting a couple of key facts but also it is a wealth of information. I'm sure 22 could help.

22, I couldn't see any splits by Educational attainment. Will that potentially be available in the future?

Unfortunately it's 2017-18 so pre-childcare reforms but will provide a good platform to support a household perspective before and after.

**Lewis Conn**

Chief Data Officer

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Dear Network member,

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We also engaged users late last year in regards to dissemination plans for *Household Income and Wealth, Australia, 2017–18* (cat. no. 6523.0) which included proposed changes to data cubes. Those changes included the cessation of a small number of data cubes and tables, the restructure and additional breakdowns of state and territory data cubes, and a change to the standard for measures of error (inclusion of margin of error for proportions in data cubes). We will be proceeding with the data cube changes proposed in our initial consultation, with one exception. Taking user feedback into consideration, we will be retaining a selected range of state and territory time series for gross and equivalised disposable household income measures from 2007–08 to 2017–18. Information on the list of data cubes to be released in *Household Income and Wealth, Australia, 2017–18* (cat. no. 6523.0) on 12 July, 2019 can be found in the attached document 'Household Income and Wealth, 2017–18 - Data cube list'.

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Regards,

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Hi 22, I've responded to 22 questions below:

**Which government payments are included:**

The list of payments included in the 'Government Pensions and Allowances' for the 2017-18 SIH cycle can be found at [Survey of Income and Housing, User Guide, Australia, 2017-18](#), in the Data Cube titled 'SIH 2017-18 Data Item List'. Go to the 'Person' tab and find the data items listed under the title 'Government Pensions and Allowances - Person' (row 197). All of the items from row 199 to 268 are included in Government Pensions and allowances. This list does change from time to time depending on changes to available pensions and allowances, but this list can also be found in the 'Data Item List' data cubes of the previous survey cycles [HIES 2015-16](#), [SIH 13-14](#), [SIH 11-12](#) and [HIES 09-10](#).

**Nil/negative income households:**

We do not make that calculation for households with nil or negative income (mostly because there is no real sensible way to do that); these households instead fall into a 'not applicable' category. Therefore, taking Table 9.3 as an example, households with nil or negative income are excluded from both the numerator and the denominator in the first 5 columns of data, but are included in both the numerator and denominator in the 'All households' column.

Cheers,

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Hi [REDACTED]

Thank you for sending this through. Before we proceed I wanted to get some clarification about how some terms are used in the ABS SIH so that I can be sure we have requested data consistently with previous AIHW publications. I have attached a workbook with the data provided by the ABS for the [National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children](#). These tables differ from the request below, but contain some overlap. Are you able to tell me:


1. which payments are included in the 'government pensions and allowances' in the previous request? I know from the explanatory notes provided to the AIHW last time that these include income-support payments. Are any non-income support payments e.g. Family tax benefit/schoolkids bonuses/energy supplements included, and if so, which ones? (The [explanatory notes](#) from the Household, Income and Wealth publication suggest that these government pensions and allowances are more than just income support payments)
2. How does the ABS deal with households with negative or nil income when calculating the proportion of gross household income contributed by government pensions and allowances? For example, in [Table 9.3](#) of the 2015–16 publication I can see that the 'All households' column contain those with negative or nil income. However if someone has a negative gross household income, but they receive government payments that year, how would you determine the proportion contributed? Are these households excluded from the numerator and only included in the denominator?

Please let me know if I should redirect my questions to a different area.

Thanks again

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With regards to your request for Customised Survey of Income and Housing (SIH) data, please find attached a formal quote based on the current provided Table Specifications (see Schedule A).

Could you please read through both documents to ensure that your company details are correct, you understand the ABS Conditions of Sale and the table specifications match your requirements. If you then wish to proceed, please print and then sign the Agreement to Proceed within the quotation.

Once signed, please scan and return the Agreement to me via email with details of your payment option.

Please contact me should you have any questions or require further information.

Please note, I have quoted for all states and territories plus Australia for Tables 1 thru 6 as there is no difference in the quote value compared to just Australia. This is because we have changed our system to table sizes based on cell ranges rather than straight cell counts. Also note that Table 7 is being sourced from Tables 1-6 rather than being produced separately and that, while Tables 8 & 9 are separate single tables I have to create 6 individual tables to obtain the data for these and, to save costs, have combined these for extraction purposes.

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**SMA BE 10/7 ABS SIH in TableBuilder**

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Hi 22 [redacted],

Unfortunately TableBuilder doesn't allow CPI adjustment within the instrument, you will have to extract the data and manually CPI adjust the values in Excel.

Along with our publication data, we also publish a CPI factor which can be used to allow data comparability between years. In our 2015-16 publication, these factors can be found at 6523.0 - Household Income and Wealth, Australia, 2015-16 in the data cube titled 'Household Income and Income Distribution, Australia, 2015-16'. Go to Table 1.1 and see row 46 for the factors used.

In this table, all of the data are already CPI adjusted to 15-16 values and so the factors in row 46 are used to revert the data back to their original dollar values. So, for example, to convert the adjusted value in cell O13 (\$1,029), back to its original 13-14 dollars, we multiply it by the CPI factor in cell O46 to get  $1,029 * 0.970 = 998$ . To convert a value from 13-14 dollars to 15-16 dollars, you should multiply the value by the inverse of the CPI factor, i.e.  $998 * (1/0.970) = 1,029$ .

Along with the release of the 2017-18 data release in 12 July, we will publish a new set of CPI factors which will allow adjustment to 17-18 values.

Let me know if you have any further questions or comments

Cheers,

22 [redacted]

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Dear ABS

I am interested in using the latest data from the ABS Survey of Income and Housing. I can see that the 2017–18 data will be available in TableBuilder on 12 July. I am at the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare and we hold an organisational license. If I want to compare data over time from 2005–06, will I have to subscribe to the data series at a cost of \$1,260?

Further, if I want to make comparisons over time (ie: adjust for inflation using CPI so that all values are in 2017–18 dollars) will this be possible with the data contained within TableBuilder?

Thanks

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Time for a congratulatory SIH (2017-18) of relief [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Great job on the 2017-18 SIH everyone!

The pub. looks good and reads really well – the superannuation spotlight in particular was an interesting read.

I personally know a number of people who were eagerly awaiting today's release (and the impending microdata release!), and I sincerely hope you are all proud of what you've achieved ☺

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Please pass on my congratulatory SIH to the rest of the team

Kind regards,

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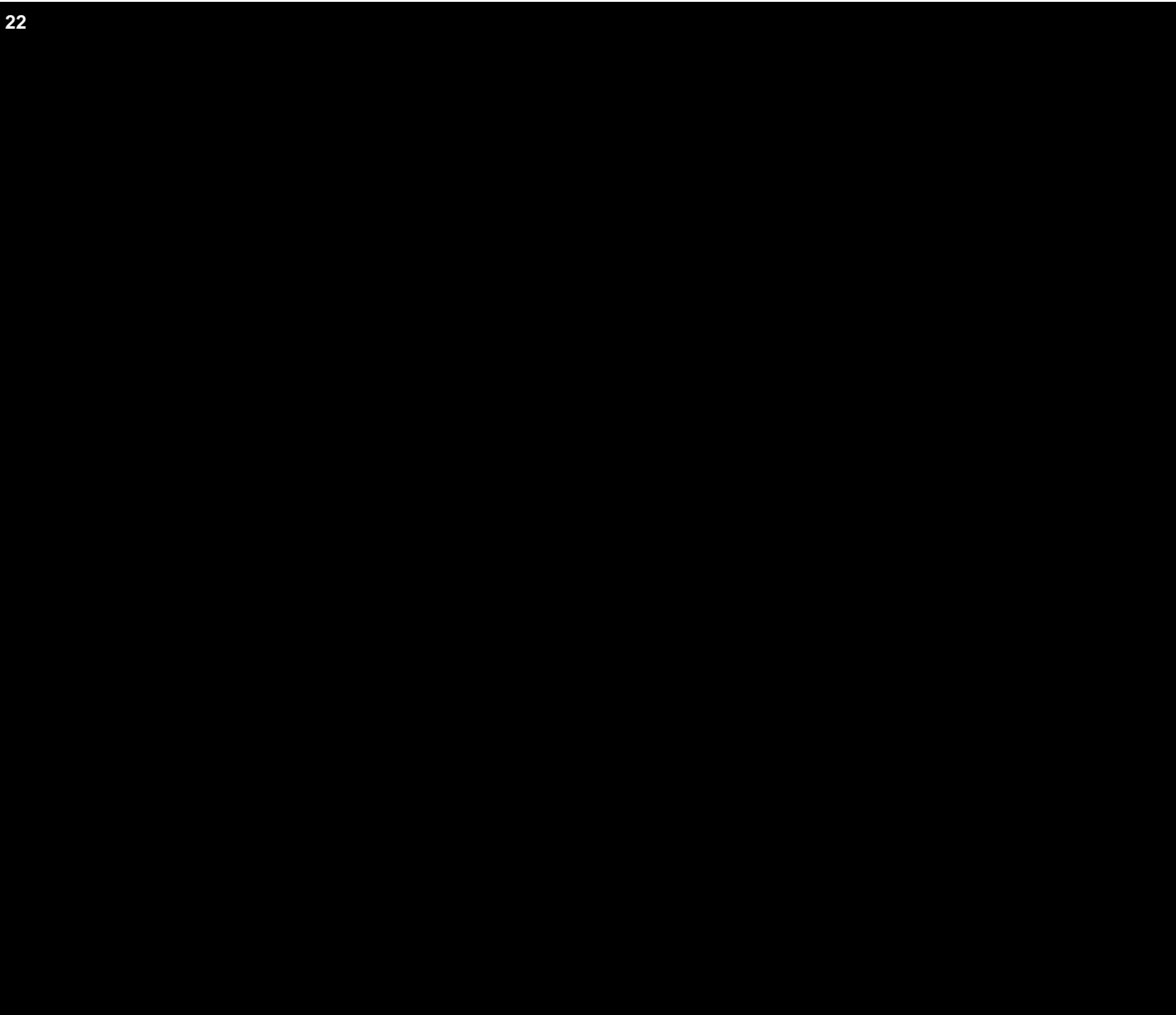
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Hi 22,

Can you work of this version – I've made some edits.

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Thanks 22

When do you need an answer by? 22 but hopefully I can talk to someone at the ABS to confirm answers to your questions on Thursday.

If I need to call you to discuss – do you have any preferred times?

Regards,

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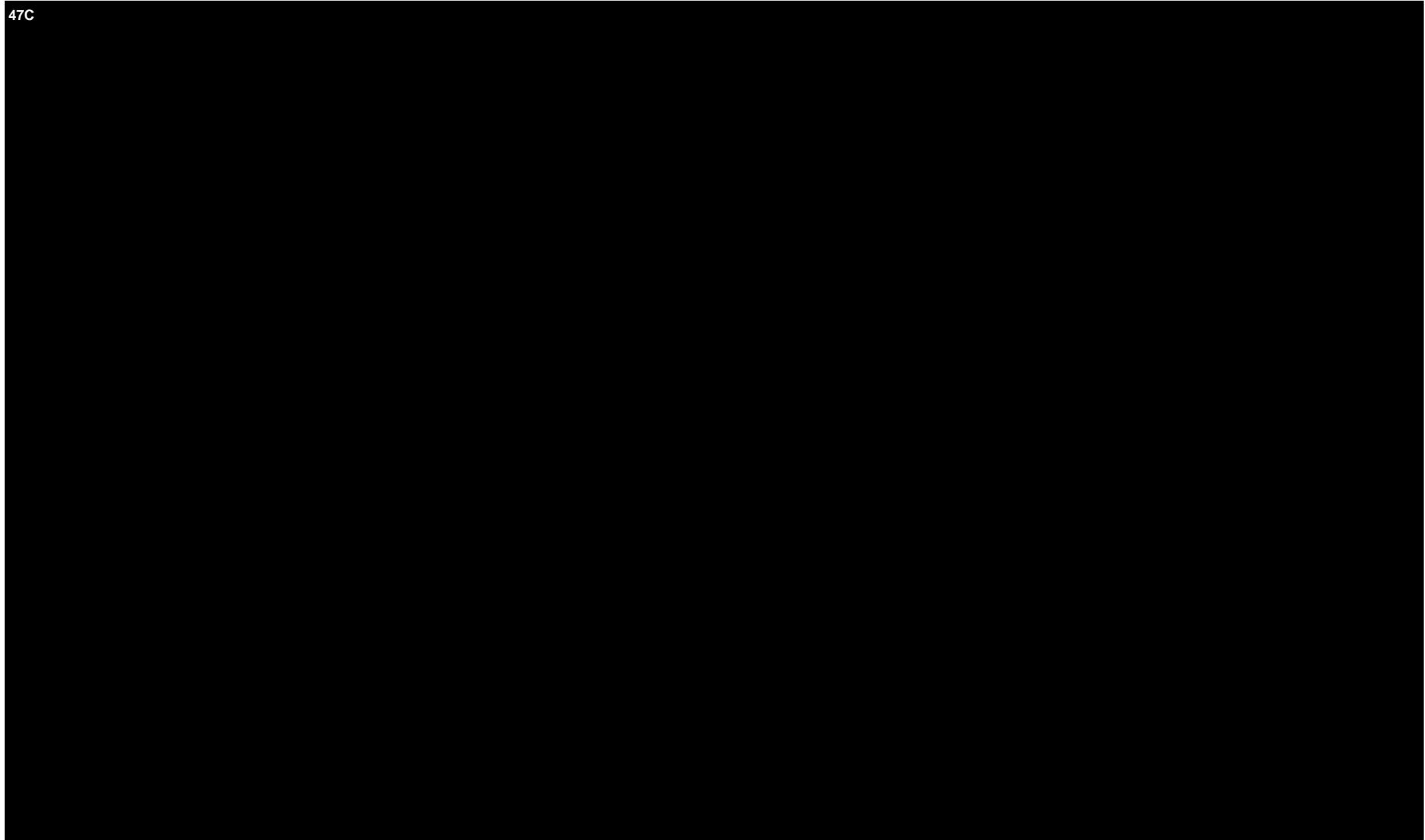
Hi 22,

Further to discussion yesterday here is an example of what we are looking to pull and some questions.

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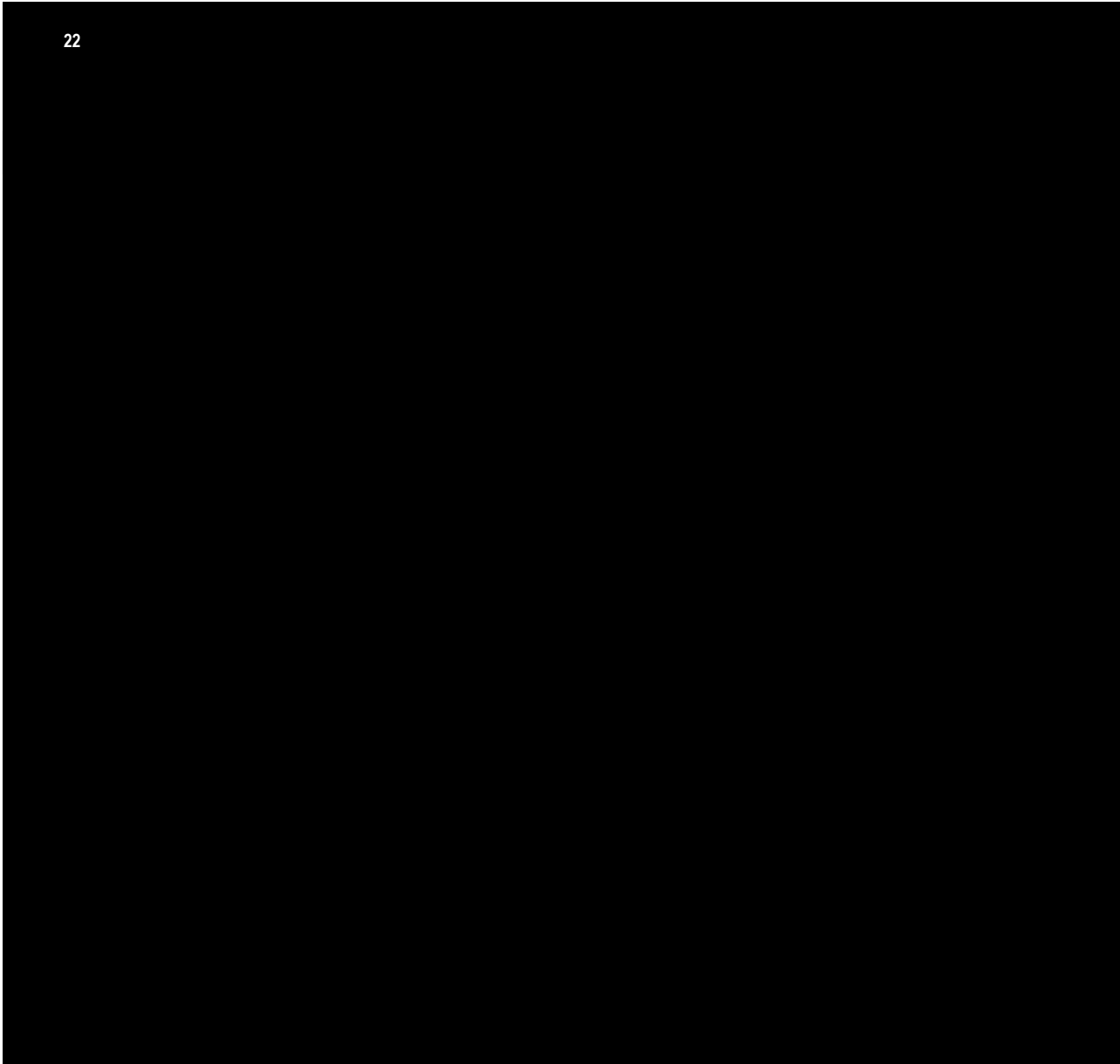
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Hi 22,

Sorry for the delay in getting back to you, the questions you are asking were pretty complex and took some time to consider.

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In short, there is other data from the Survey of Income and Housing would probably better suit your needs rather than the Excel spreadsheets you've drawn on.

There are two options for getting more suitable data:

1. Health could purchase the microdata (e.g. TableBuilder is due out next week with a 12 month subscription costing less than \$2,000 I believe) in order to help yourself, however, there is both conceptual and technical complexity in using the data best done by someone with more analytical skill than me. Also not everything may be able to be extracted via TableBuilder and the DataLab file would also need to be purchased and accessed by SAS (or other language) program.
2. Your information needs could be met by a customised data request. The cost varies depending on the amount of work and a quote could be provided, once details of what you want are understood.

I'm on leave today, but we could discuss further next week and involve some of the other analysts in HERD if you like.

Regards,

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Hi 22,

Please see below the response from our SIH team. Let me know if you have any questions.

Regards,  
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The request for additional SIH data has been reviewed. We were not sure why the estimates were provided last time as the data was not part of the original quotation.

In good faith, we have agreed to provide the estimates again for the 2017-18 request but, in future request that all data be scoped and agreed upon at time of quotation. Unfortunately, we are not able to continue to provide this data free of charge in the future.

In running the request, it was noticed that there were slight differences in the RSEs of proportions provided in the original request. The data is updated in this request (see attached spreadsheet). There was also one proportion for Northern Territory that was not provided as it was deemed to be not reliable for release 'Percent children aged 0-5 from low-income families in the community - NT'. We have reviewed this cell and agreed to provide the data. Please note that the estimate has a relative standard error greater than 50% and is considered too unreliable for general use.

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Regards,

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Hi 22, is it possible to provide the numbers of children in each category for the SIH data. I note this is not what was specifically requested. But last year we didn't specifically request it and the numbers were provided. Can you please advise whether this can be done within the existing quote?

Thanks

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Hi 22,

Please find attached data request based on 6523.0 - Household Income and Wealth, Australia, 2017-18.

The completed request is for the 'Low income - SIH' - "Proportion of children from low-income families in the community".

Please note the following:

- Data collected in the 2017-18 SIH are based on the 2016 Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS), while estimates for 2015-16 SIH and HES were based on the 2011 ASGS.
- We have continued to provide 'Relative Standard Error' for proportions however, please note that output rules have changed for SIH. In future, it is recommended that a 'Margin of Error' is used when providing proportional data. See [6553.0 - Survey of Income and Housing, User Guide, Australia, 2017-18 - Reliability of Estimates.](#)
- We have added a note to the table regarding the footnote for 'np'. It indicates where data is not published due to the RSE being greater than 50 percent and considered too unreliable for general use.
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Regards,

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Hi 22,

I have taken over the ABS quote process from 22 for the 2020 Report on Government Services (RoGS).

Attached is the ABS unpublished data request for the 2020 RoGS and the timetable for the quote process.

It would be greatly appreciated if the ABS was able to provide the quotes by 22 May 2019 if possible.

Note that some data in the quote are for National Agreements and therefore the Commission is not charged for these data.

There are also some items where the data may be available via table builder and we have asked for information about availability, timing and cost.

We also will be doing analysis of the Indigenous population projections being released in July 2019 and may include some population data in our quote 2 request in August depending on the nature of the Indigenous population data and the ERP data available at that time.

Can you also please advise:

- how certain is the expected release of cat no 6224.0.55.001 - Labour Force, Australia: Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Families, June 2019 in October 2019, and will it contain the same data as the previous release? Of interest is data on family structure, see RoGS 2019 table 2A.18-20. If there is some uncertainty about the release, are there any alternative published datasets on family structure that you can direct us to? For example, will 6523.0 Household Income and Wealth be published for 2017-18 and if so when and will it have the same data as previous releases?
- Can you please confirm that there will be no data for the Programme for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies, Australia until 2023.

Happy to discuss any details of the quote as issues arise.

Regards,

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12/07/2019 10:46 AM

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Hi 22,

22 said she spoke to this morning about your queries - sorry, I wasn't in yet.

Have you received all of the information you need?

Kind Regards,

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Hi!

Hoping to check a couple of things with you in the morning to help finalise our briefing, in particular:

- Confirm any additional 1718 SIH outputs that we can expect in future. Will it just be Housing Occupancy and Costs? Is there an advertised date (can't see one on the calendar)?
- Confirm (based on my reading of the wording in the media release) the statistical significance of the changes in the income and wealth Gini coefficients. Unfortunately I do not have that awesome significance testing excel tool here to check!



Will try to call you when I get in.

Cheers!

Regards,

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Hi 22, 22 and 22,

I am writing to let you know that we have identified transposition errors affecting 2013-14 data in Table 12.3 in Household Income and Wealth, Australia, 2017-18 (cat. no. 6523.0).

We have removed this data cube from the website (data cube 12. Superannuation of Persons). The data cube has been corrected and will be released on the website tomorrow at 11:30 am.

If you, or any of your staff, have downloaded data cube 12 from the initial release, we recommend replacing this with the updated version once it is released tomorrow.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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Good afternoon everyone,

It was good to meet you all today, I hope that you got something from the discussion. As agreed here are links to the data sources that we discussed I would send

[5202.0 - Spotlight on National Accounts, May 2014](#)

[6523.0 - Household Income and Wealth, Australia, 2017-18](#)

[6553.0 - Survey of Income and Housing, User Guide, Australia, 2017-18](#)

[4125.0 - Gender Indicators, Australia, Sep 2018](#)

#### Census data

Census data via TableBuilder available here: <

<https://www.abs.gov.au/websitedbs/D3310114.nsf/Home/2016%20TableBuilder> > - includes tutorials (scroll to the bottom of the page)

Register for the TableBuilder basic (which is free)

The Unpaid Domestic work and Voluntary work variables are available in the Dataset: '2016 Census - Employment, Income and Education'

You can then select the variables and the geography you want , add to a row or column to tabulate and retrieve the data.



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- Selected Person Characteristics
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- Employment, Income and Unpaid Work
  - CDPP Community Development Programme Participation [4] >
  - DOMP Unpaid Domestic Work: Number of Hours** [7] >
  - EETP Engagement in Employment, Education and Training [6] >
  - EMPP Number of Employees [5] >
  - GNGP Public/Private Sector [6] >
  - HRWRP Hours Worked (ranges) [10] >
  - INCP Total Personal Income (weekly) [17] >
  - INDP Industry of Employment [22] >
  - LFSP Labour Force Status [8] >
  - MTWP Method of Travel to Work [236] >
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  - SIEMP Status in Employment [10] >
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<b>Less than 5 hours</b>	
<b>5 to 14 hours</b>	
<b>15 to 29 hours</b>	
<b>30 hours or more</b>	
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<b>Total</b>	

Data Source : Census of Population and Housing, 2016, T For further information see [About this data](#), [Data Confidentiality](#)

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**Fw: Nominal Gross Household Disposable Income**

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27/08/2019 05:29 PM

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Thanks 22.

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Hi 22,

Household Gross Disposable Income takes into account interest payments on dwelling loans. Interest paid on loans will only apply to mortgage holders as they hold the loan liability.

In terms of sources of income from housing, dwelling GOS includes gross rental income (imputed and actual rent) minus any associated input costs. These costs include things like maintenance. From an income perspective, imputed rent includes income from a dwelling service for owner-occupiers while actual rental income includes rent paid by renters to investors.

If you mean housing costs in terms of imputed and actual rent paid a household to consume dwelling services, this is not deducted from gross income to derive gross disposable income. It is actually a component of HFCE and therefore is deducted from gross disposable income to derive gross saving.

In terms of differences between National Accounts Income estimates and the Household Income and Wealth estimates, the following link outlines all known differences.

<https://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/Lookup/by%20Subject/6553.0~2017-18~Main%20Features~Income%20Comparison~31>

I hope this information is insightful, feel free to give me a call if you would like to discuss further.

Thanks,

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Hi 22,

As discussed, I just wanted to confirm that Nominal Gross Household Disposable Income

per capita, is net of housing costs for both mortgage holders and renters and that their treatment is comparable? It looks like it is, but wanted to make absolutely certain.

Secondly, I also wanted to know whether the definition of 'Disposable' under Household Income and Wealth is calculated on a comparable national accounts basis, but understand if I should chat to the team that deals with it directly?

Thanks for your assistance.

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Hi 22,

Just gave you a call 22. Please feel free to give me a call tomorrow 22.

Kind Regards,

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Hi 22,

I have a hopefully quick question in relation to the treatment of housing in the definition of household income and wealth. Are you able to give me a quick call please? Alternatively, I am happy to give you a bell, but don't have a number.

Thanks

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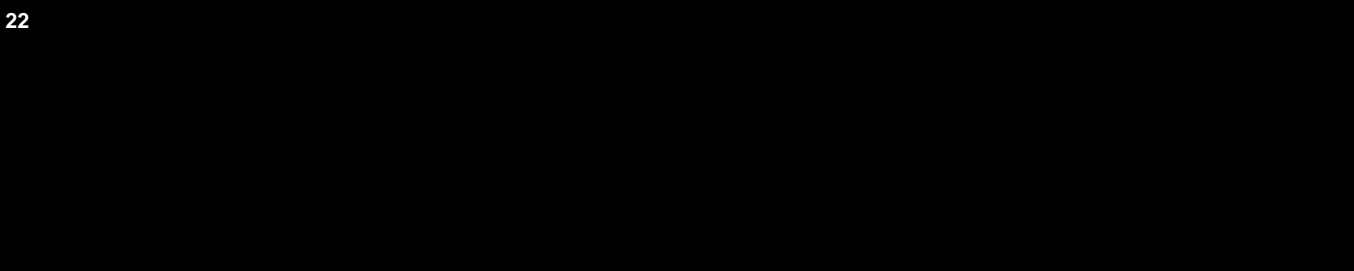
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Subject: RE: Household saving ratio

Hi 22,

I hope you have been well.

That's correct HFCE - rent and other dwelling services includes both imputed and actual rent expenses.

The Household Income and Wealth publication displays imputed rent on both a net and gross basis. Please see link below for more detail on definition.

<https://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/Lookup/by%20Subject/6553.0~2017-18~Main%20Features~Imputed%20Rent~21>

Thanks,

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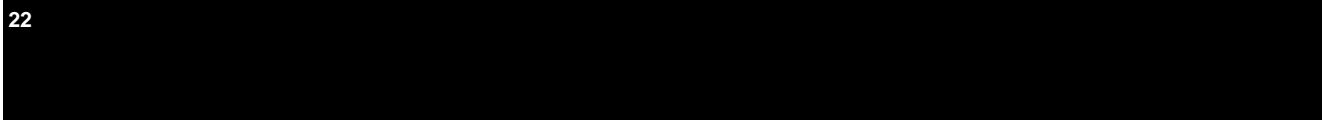
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Hi 22,

I'd like to seek further clarification to help our discussion on actual rent and imputed rent and how they flow on to household income account (5220.0) and HFCE (both 5220.0 and 5206.0) as well as how they compare with the estimates of household income from Household Income and Wealth (6523.0).

From your email below (a while back), ‘actual rent’ and ‘imputed rent’ are included in the ‘Gross operating surplus ; Dwellings owned by persons ;’ component of household income account. If so, would the estimate of ‘rent and other dwelling services’ (component of HFCE) also include the ‘imputed rent’?

- Below is the estimate as March quarter 2019 from 5206.0 for the ACT as an example.

I only found that Household Income and Wealth (6523.0) only states “41 Imputed rent is included in income on a net basis.” There is no mention whether ‘actual rent’ is included (added) as part of income.

Thanks and kind regards,

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### Detailed Components of ACT SFD, Chain Volume Measures (a), Seasonally Adjusted

	March Qtr 2019 Value (\$m)	Share of Quarterly SFD (%)	Change Quarterly
<b>Private consumption</b>	<b>4,725</b>	<b>37.3</b>	<b>0.3</b>
Food	504	4.0	0.2
Cigarettes and tobacco	30	0.2	-3.2
Alcoholic beverages	75	0.6	0.0
Clothing and footwear	162	1.3	-3.6
Rent and other dwelling services ←	1,008	7.9	0.8

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Hi 22,

As you are aware, we will be undertaking a review of income measures for State Accounts next year. This will include re-evaluating COE growth per state and the drivers of differences. Given we will be undertaking this quality assurance work and it is subject to revisions, we will not be releasing finer

level detail until the review has been completed.

Property income receivable refers to income receivable from households which are generated from owning financial and non-produced non-financial assets. This includes interest income, dividends, reinvested earnings, property income attributed to insurance policy holders and rent on natural assets.

Property income payable refers to payments for the use of financial assets, most common to the household sector is interest payments on loans.

Dwelling GOS can be thought of as the value added for owning and leasing dwellings, that is, the Ownership of Dwellings (OOD) sector. Dwelling GOS is equal to Output less intermediate consumption less other taxes on production of the OOD sector. Output consists of imputed and actual rent on housing. Imputed rent on housing represents a value of how much "rent" a person would incur if they were not owner-occupiers. Intermediate consumption for the OOD sector includes elements such as repair and maintenance, building insurance, FISIM and real estate costs. It represents any costs associated with producing output. In practice, dwelling GOS is derived residually for the household sector where an estimate of GOS for dwellings owned by sectors other than households is deducted to obtain GOS for dwellings owned by persons.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions.

Thanks,

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Hi 22,

Thanks for the this. The chart doesn't show that superannuation contribution (part of COE) that drives the big difference between the ACT and Australia.

Is it possible to know the share 'superannuation contribution' of COE for the ACT and Australia, respectively?

What are the components included in 'property income received' and 'property income payable'?

- Information in the 5216.0 is not that clear.

What is referred to as 'Dwelling GOS'?

Thanks for your time.

Kind regards,

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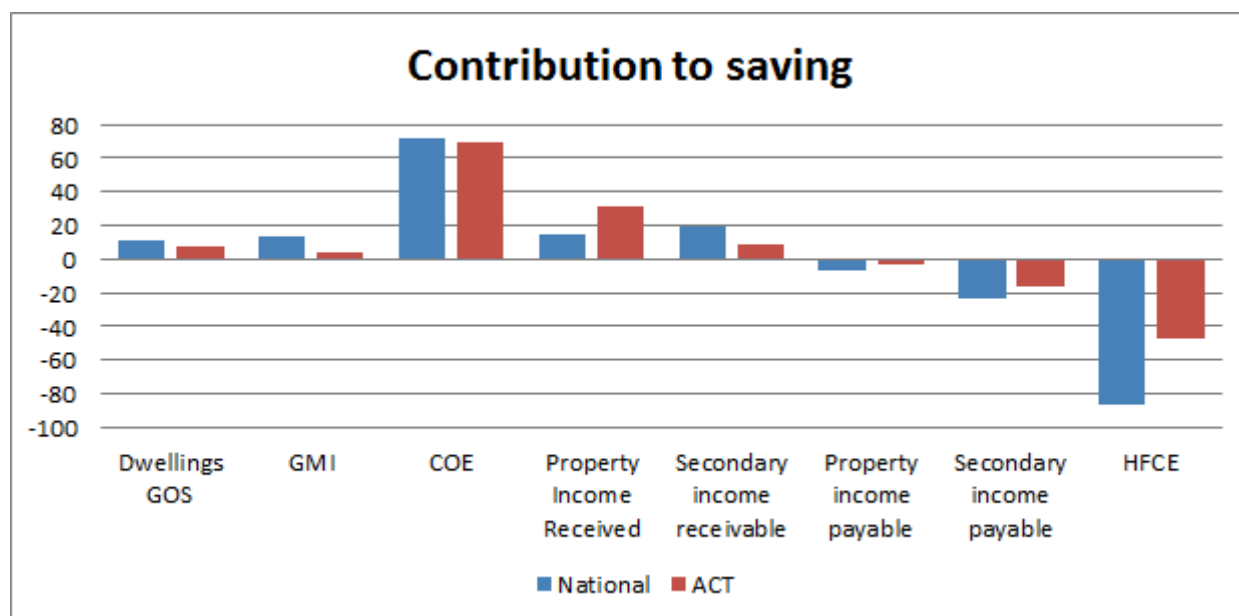
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Hi 22,

I hope you have been well.

Employer social contribution, including superannuation contribution, is directly collected via Business Surveys for the private sector. For the public sector, employer social contribution is reported by agencies and collected by GFS as you have suggested below.

I've had a quick look at contributions to saving and I think it would be difficult to justify that superannuation is driving differences in household saving between ACT and National. I have graphed my findings below for easier interpretation.



All negative items represent use of income and household final consumption expenditure. As you can see, the largest difference is actually coming from HFCE where ACT household consumption contributes far less to the derivation of saving.

Components of COE by State is not published by the ABS. If you are still interested, we can have a look to see what we are able to release via a data request.

At this stage, it is difficult to comment or quantify the level of revisions that the income review work will have on the saving estimate. I suspect it is subject to revision given its residual nature and COE being such a large contributing factor.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions.

Thanks,

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Hi 22,

Thanks for the response.

I've figured it out there is a specific data for household consumption of fixed capital and that makes the household saving rate in the ACT even higher!

That makes sense that household saving ratio in the ACT is higher than national average given the sizable number of people from interstate working in the ACT and relatively higher proportion of people working in the public sector.

*Re* the standard employer superannuation contribution in the APS (15.4%) — how is this applied at the national account estimates: actual as reported by agency then aggregated through GFS or at the national accounts directly by sector at the industry level, or else? This is merely to understand how this flow through to household income.

If we were to publish the household saving ratio for the ACT, would it sound plausible to say that a higher ratio in the ACT largely reflects higher superannuation contribution to the Commonwealth Government employees

in the ACT (along that line)?

- Is it possible to know/calculate the share superannuation of net saving in the ACT and nationally?

Are you expecting that the income review would result in a significant revision to the household account estimates?

Thanks again and kind regards,

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Hi 22,

Thanks for your emails about the Household savings ratio. With respect to the emails you sent 22 about the calculation of the savings ratio, please note the following:

- The consumption of fixed capital value in the spreadsheet is for total ACT, not Household consumption of fixed capital - use column BV in table 28 of 5220.0
- The slide referenced in the spreadsheet is from the experimental quarterly household income account series, therefore it is not surprising that the annual series is different
- Significant revisions to the household saving ratio at the national level was applied in recent release of Australian System of National Accounts (cat.no. 5204.0) publication. These revisions will flow through to appropriate State measures in the upcoming release of State Accounts (cat. no. 5220.0).
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With respect to the questions you posed to 22 about the level of the series, we might like to consider the following:

- The income estimates are produced from business surveys, and are allocated to different states based on the location of the business, not the residence of the employee. Therefore persons living in NSW but working in the ACT for example will have their income measured in the ACT
- The derived household savings rate for the ACT is reflective of the high gross and disposable incomes per capita for the Territory (\$110,034 and \$91,627 respectively in 2017/18) **but** given the first point, these figures are likely to be overestimated
- Employer contribution to superannuation is included in compensation of employees under employers' social contribution. Given the standard employer contribution in the APS (15.4%) is much higher than the minimum contribution rate (9.5%), this may impact the difference between ACT and National level.
- A repayment of a loan is considered a draw down of a liability, a household may choose to do this with their disposable income. The draw down of a liability will increase household net worth, given all else remains unchanged. Interest paid on these liabilities will be reflected in the household income account.
- As discussed at SAUG in September, we are aiming to review how we compile our income measures over the next year - the results of this work may impact these results going forward.

As for publishing the data, this is really up to you. The components of the savings ratio are available

so users like yourself can do the analysis, but as stated previously, these results may change next year with the income review.

If you have any other questions please let us know.

Thanks

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Hi 22,

We are thinking of including a chart on household saving ratio below in our economic indicator brief for GSP 2017-18. Though, it shows a striking contrast compared with the saving ratio for Australia.

- Is the difference in the saving ratio in the ACT from that of nationally largely due to superannuation ... what about principal mortgage repayment?
- Are there other things that may cause the differences?
- Would you think that's okay to publish it for state/territory and compare it with the national figure?

Btw, separately I emailed 22 to check my calculation.

We are happy to take your advice whether to publish the household saving ratio for the ACT in our next indicator brief or not.

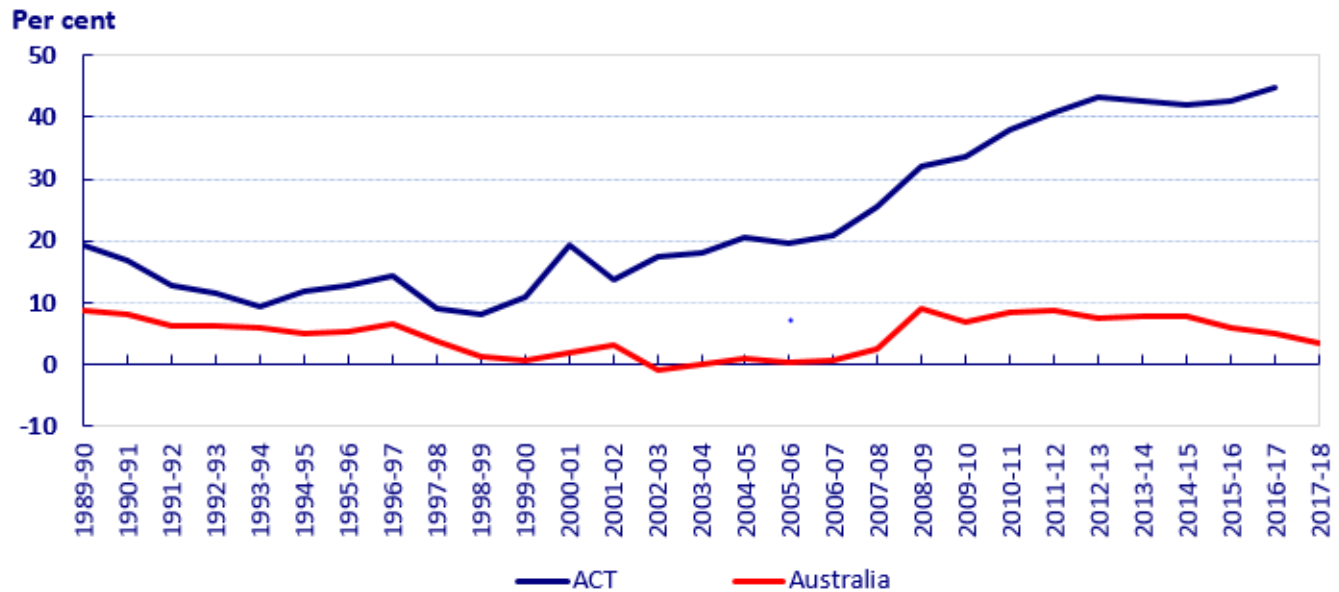
Thanks and kind regards,

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## Household saving ratio, ACT & Australia, Current Prices

Sources: For the ACT, ACT Treasury's calculation based on 5220.0 Table 19 and 28; For Australia, 5204.0 Table 1



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Hi 22 - , Paul and 22 ,

thank you for your comprehensive reply.

Best Regards

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Hi 22 ,

Apologies for the slow response to your query.

We've been in touch with our colleagues who run the Survey of Income and Housing (SIH) to gain their perspective on equivalised income. ABS publishes income and wealth estimates for Australian households in the Households Income and Wealth (cat. no. 6523.0) publication. These results are from the ABS Survey of Income and Housing and includes estimates for States and Territories.

In the SIH, there are two main measures of income, gross household income and equivalised disposable household income. Unequivalised disposable household income is also published for analytical purposes. There are other measures of income that can be derivable from estimates in the SIH release, the choice of Income definition is dependent on the research question at hand. There are differing purposes to the use of equivalised vs unequivalised income -

- Unequivalised income (either gross or disposable) is best used in analysis where you are trying to understand the actual amounts of income flowing into the household. Particularly if you are trying to compare income to actual amounts of expenditure or other real world figures

- (eg government pension rates, tax rates, etc).
- Equivalisation is a method of adjusting income to take into account differences in household composition and size, as well as economies of scale that arise from sharing. Equivalisation essentially standardises the data by removing these effects to enable more meaningful comparison of the economic wellbeing of individuals in population. For more information about equivalised income, and our other income measures please see SIH [User Guide](#) publication (cat. no. 6553.0).

From a macro perspective, if you are interested in aggregate household disposable income, it is encouraged to analyse estimates published in the Household Income Account released in the State Accounts (cat. no. 5220.0) publication. This measure is compliant with System of National Accounts concepts and definitions.

I thought it was also worthwhile noting known differences between SIH and HILDA as they are designed for different purposes. The SIH is cross-sectional survey which measures economic resources (income and wealth) of Australian household every two years. The SIH is designed to produce estimates for household residents in private dwellings in Australia by State and Territory. HILDA is a longitudinal survey which collects information from the same cohort of households over time, thereby enabling analysis of changes experienced by the chosen cohort over the life course. HILDA is run by the University of Melbourne. Given the differing purpose and collection practices there are known differences to scope, coverage, sample, timing, collection vehicles and questions.

Thank you **22** for providing your insights in relation to the SIH.

I hope this information is useful and feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss further.

Thanks,

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Hi **22**,

Can you please respond to email below.

Thanks,  
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Hi Paul,

we are looking at the results from HILDA and were surprised in the drop in median equivalised income by 11 per cent from 2012-13 (\$74,394) to 2016-17 (\$66,230) for the ACT. The mean doesn't drop as much over the same period – 3.5 per cent.

I've looked at a range of ABS indicators and they all show a more moderate decline – does the ABS have a preferred measure of household income?

Happy to have a chat this afternoon if you prefer.

Regards

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Hi 22,

Thank you for looking into this and providing the information below. I will have a think about this and perhaps give you a call early next week. I'm unsure what story to run as the retiree data is showing superannuation reliance falling and the household data is showing superannuation reliance increasing.

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Regards,

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Hi 22,

The graph attached below from our commentary unfortunately cannot be found in our data cubes. We added this graph in a cycle or so ago because of increased interest in retirees.

We publish:

- main source of gross household income estimates by age of household reference person (including 65+) in data cube 10 (Tables 10.3 and 10.4)
- main source of gross household income estimates by net worth quintiles in data cube 7 (Tables 7.5 and 7.6)
- age of household reference person (including 65+) by net worth quintiles in data cube 7 (Table 7.6)

We do not publish a data cube with a combination of all three together (as shown in the graph) although this is available in our microdata products and via paid consultancy.

We previously published a dedicated main source of gross household income data cube which was not released this

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time around. Having said this, the breakdown of data shown in the graph was not available in there either.

In regards to change of definitions - we have not had a change in definitions this release (the tables mentioned above have consistent measures over time). We did, however, release a [spotlight article](#) and one accompanying data cube that has an alternative 'main source of gross household income' measure (sorry, this one slipped my mind earlier because we were talking about states and this one is national based).

The raw data for this can be found in the 'downloads' tab in data cube 15. Main Source of Household Income, Superannuation and Investments, Australia.

This is new analysis which contains additional breakdowns of main source of income categories. Superannuation and investments have historically been grouped in 'other income' and have been split out in this analysis. This spotlight aims to highlight households that are reliant on these income sources as their main source of income, in addition to the other categories we have historically included in our findings (eg employee income, government payments, etc).

Hopefully this helps. Please feel free to email or call if you need any further information.

Kind Regards,

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Hi 22,

Thanks for your advice this morning - are one of your team members able to take a look at the query below?

Many thanks,

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Hi 22 [redacted].

There is an interesting focus on superannuation this year.

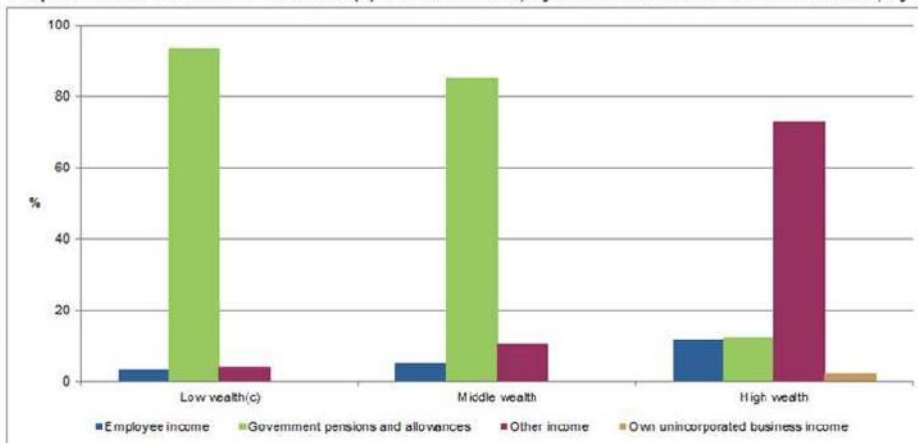
To complement this I would also like to incorporate the Retiree data (mentioned at the bottom of this article). However I cannot find the raw data for this in the Downloads. Could you help me to find this?

Could I ask if there have also been measurement changes to this? Such as the Other Income category for retirees? As there has been a drastic change compared to the last release.

<https://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/Lookup/by%20Subject/6523.0~2017-18~Main%20Features~Characteristics%20of%20Low,%20Middle%20and%20High%20Wealth%20Households~10>

High wealth retiree households are more likely (73%) to draw their household income from other income (including superannuation) than any other income source. For low and middle wealth retiree households the main source of income was most likely to be government pensions and allowances (93% and 85% respectively).

**Graph 4 - PROPORTION OF RETIREE(a) HOUSEHOLDS, by main source of household income, by wealth group(b), 2017–18**



Footnotes: (a) Households where reference person was 65 years or older and they were not in the labour force (b) Based on net worth of the household (c) The proportion of low wealth households with Employee income has a high margin of error and should be used with caution  
 Source(s): ABS Survey of Income and Housing, 2017–18

Regards,

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Hi 22 [redacted].

Thanks for you pointers on this, having a look at the material now.

Cheers,

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Hi [redacted] and [redacted],

Hope some of this helps:

All the state based data will be in data cubes 13 and 14 in today's release.

There are a lot of national based analysis and feature articles/case studies/spot lights in previous releases about different pop groups (eg low income, retirees, households with debt).

If looking for ideas you can mirror these and the national commentary for the state - they are mainly in past releases of 6523.0

Also, an over-indebtedness article was in the 2015-16 release (also had an accompanying datacube) and had some state based analysis; this was a one off release in that cycle but can still be extracted from current and past data.

So Might be worth looking at that too ?

<https://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Lookup/6523.0Main+Features12015-16?OpenDocument>

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