

## Our Lives Study User Guide

This guide is designed for use with the Our Lives study combined panel W1-W4 dataset and with the accompanying metadata and supporting documentation: data guide, data dictionary, questionnaires, technical summaries etc.

### Microdata

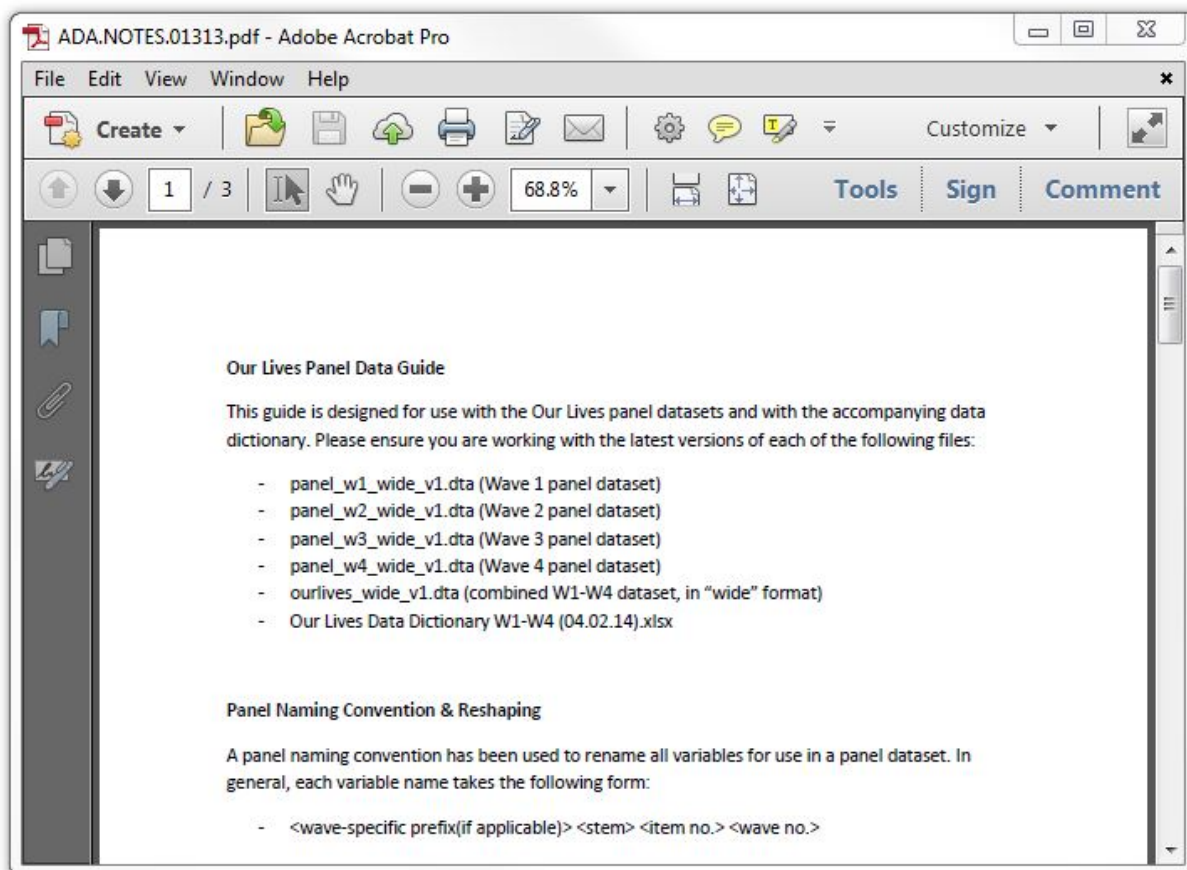
The combined panel W1-W4 dataset was merged out of the following files:

- panel\_w1\_wide\_v1 (Wave 1 panel dataset)
- panel\_w2\_wide\_v1 (Wave 2 panel dataset)
- panel\_w3\_wide\_v1 (Wave 3 panel dataset)
- panel\_w4\_wide\_v1 (Wave 4 panel dataset)

There are 1175 variables and 7031 units in the general access dataset. The restricted access dataset includes additional 34 more detailed variables, which could be accessed after the approval of data access request.

### Data Guide

Microdata should be used with the Our Lives Panel Data Guide. It presents panel naming convention and data reshaping, i.e. how individual variables of Our Lives waves were renamed for panel dataset. The naming in the downloaded SPSS dataset may differ from the naming convention presented in this data guide, since there is an 8-character variable name limit.



## Data Dictionary

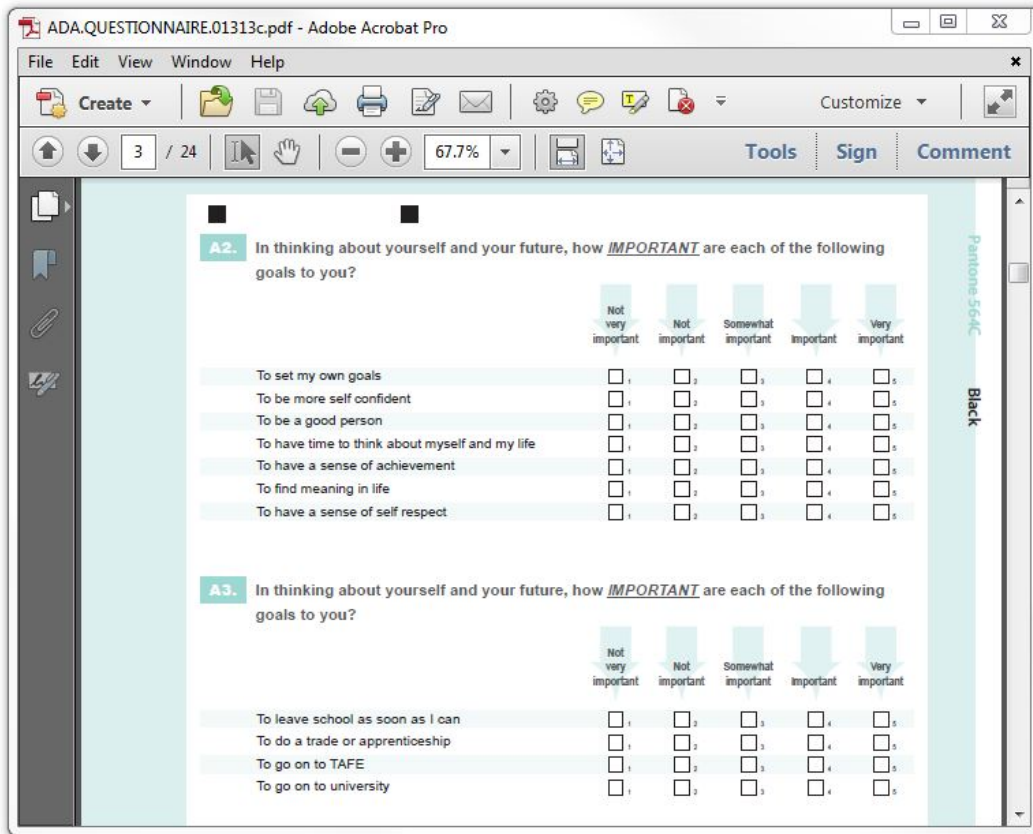
The data dictionary in Excel format catalogues all variables in the panel dataset and contains additional information about each variable, from original wave question numbers to variable and value labels. The information is presented in several sheets and the dictionary could also be used to sort variables by wave or thematic areas.

	W1	W2	W3	W4	Panel Name	Panel Variable Label	Panel Value Label
<b>Survey Completion &amp; Identifiers</b>							
5	surveyid	surveyid	surveyid	surveyid	surveyid	surveyid	unique identifier
6	wave	wave	wave	wave	wave	wave	wave identifier
7	online	.	.	.	a_source	a_source	online or hardcopy 0=hardcopy; 1=online
8	.	source	.	.	b_source	b_source	online or hardcopy 0=online; 1=hard-copy
9	.	.	c_source	.	c_source	c_source	mode of completion (string)
10	.	.	.	comp_mode	d_source	d_source	completion mode 1=Online; 2=CATI
11	.	.	w3_version	.	c_version	c_w3_version	full or core w3 survey completed 1=full version; 2=core version
12	.	.	w2_flag	.	c_w2flag	c_w2flag	wave 2 completer flag
13	.	.	.	resp_stat	d_resp_stat	d_resp_stat	respondent status 1=Complete; 2=Incomplete
14	.	.	.	comp_date	d_comp_date	d_comp_date	date of completion
16	.	.	.	comp_phase	d_comp_phase	d_comp_phase	completion phase (federal election) 1=Completed survey prior to September
17	.	.	.	comp_history	d_comp_history	d_comp_history	previous Our Lives wave of completion 1=Wave 3; 2=Wave 2; 3=Wave 1
18	.	.	.	update_flag	d_update_flag	d_update_flag	Updated contact details post Wave 3
19	hscode	hscode	hscode	.	hscode	hscode	High School Identifier
20	.	hsflag	.	.	b_hsflag	b_hsflag	flag for imputed high school code
21	.	.	hsflag	.	c_hsflag	c_hsflag	flag for imputed high school code
22	hsname	.	.	.	a_schname	a_schname	name of school (string)
23	d27	.	.	.	a_class	a_class	what class are you in?
24	d27s	.	.	.	a_class_verb	a_class_verb	what class are you in? specify
25	d28s	.	.	.	a_schname_verb	a_schname_verb	name of school (verbatim)

## Questionnaires

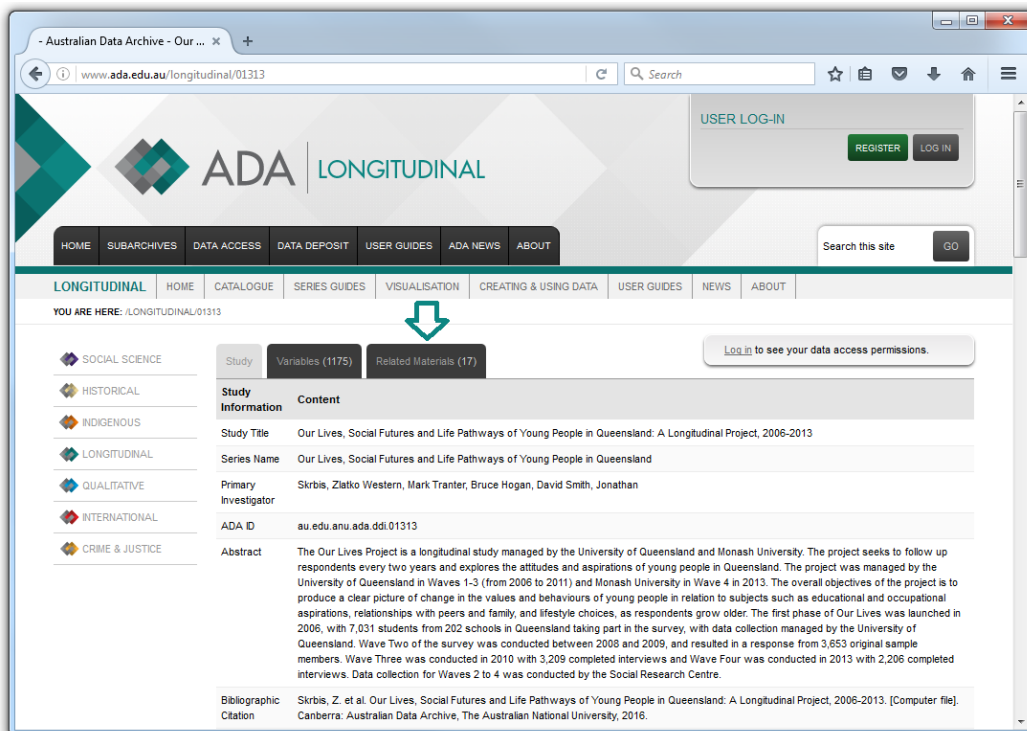
There are four questionnaires, one for each wave of Our Lives panel series:

- Our Lives, Social futures and life pathways of young people in Queensland: A longitudinal project – ADA.QUESTIONNAIRE.01313a (Wave 1)
- Our Lives, Social futures and life pathways of young people in Queensland: A longitudinal project – ADA.QUESTIONNAIRE.01313b (Wave 2)
- Our Lives, Social futures and life pathways of young people in Queensland: A longitudinal project – ADA.QUESTIONNAIRE.01313c (Wave 3)
- Our Lives Wave 4 Online survey v4 – ADA.QUESTIONNAIRE.01313d (Wave 4)



## Study Description

The description of the Our Lives study series is available in the Australian Data Archive data catalogue, located on the webpage <http://www.ada.edu.au/longitudinal/01313>. The supporting documentation, listed in this Study User Guide, is available under the tab “Related Materials”.



## Technical Summaries

For more detailed information about data collection and methodology of Our Lives studies, please see technical summaries for Waves 2, 3 and 4.

