

Installing and executing the programs is relatively straightforward:

1. Unzip the file wlh.zip into an empty folder
2. Edit the file setpath.do to record
 - a) the name of the folder containing the file;
 - b) the location of the BHPS data;
 - c) the number of waves of data; and
 - d) (optionally) the location of Halpin's work history files.
3. Run the file setpath.do from Stata, and then run dashboard.do (which invokes all of the other programs located in \${wlhhome}). The dashboard.do file is located in the \${wlhhome} folder, so the command to run it is:
do ..\dashboard

The wlh.dta dataset (and tempall.dta) will be created in the \data subfolder of the folder used in step 1.

Once the programs have run, there will be log files stored in a \logfiles folder, and temporary data files stored in a data\temp folder. These can be deleted. (there is a commented out !del temp*. * command at the end of wlh.dta that can be un-commented if you want this deletion to happen automatically)

For Further documentation, see Dave Mare's ISER Working paper
"Constructing Consistent Work-Life Histories: A guide for users of the BHPS"

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REVISIONS

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14 Feb 2007 - file = wlh_v2.zip

Added occupational prestige measures from all sources:

* xCSSF, xCSSM xGOLD cHGS xRGSC xSEC xSEG xISCO

where x= LJ for CLIFEJOB records

JH for wJOBHIST records

JB for wINDRESP records

Corrected two lines in clean_wjobhist.do

Corrected two lines in clean_blifemst.do

17 Jan 2010 - file = wlh_v3.zip

Dealt with the changes in the design of the questionnaires from wave 16(P) on:

1) wJOBHIST records are now collected in chronological order

a) in wlh.do, give wINDRESP start dates precedence over wJOBHIST end dates

- 2) wINDRESP no longer collects the variable NEMST for non-employment spells
a) in basedata.do, use information from wJBSTAT instead (as in wave 1)

March/ April 2013 -

1) amended code so that programs run on a Unix platform

(Thanks to Sergio Salis for patiently helping me sort this out)

- change specification of folder names - replacing \ with /
- changed the 'gen newsort' lines in clean_bcsort.do to work on both platforms:

Unix:

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. di %25.21f mod(22.07,.0001)
0.0000999999999999226318
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Windows:

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. di %25.21f mod(22.07,.0001)
0.0000000000000000000000
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On Both:

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. di %25.21f mod(220700,1)/10000
0.0000000000000000000000
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- changed a few other instances of the round() function to remedy inconsistent results across platforms
- eg: in the defining of 2-digit industry codes

2) Dealing with changes in industry coding

- I corrected the treatment of industry and occupation codes, retaining all available coding.
- Industry coding: SIC until wave 11; SIC92 for 4,7,11-18
- Occupation coding: SOC throughout; SOC00 from wave 11

One consequence of the recoding is that I have redefined seam codes.

- Industry is treated as the same across consecutive spells if either sic or sic92 are the same
- negative industry codes (missing values) are treated as matching
- Occupation is treated as the same across consecutive spells if either soc or soc00 are the same

3) Other changes

- added emonth and eyear to the final keep statement in wlh.do, and labelled to make it clear that they are 'as reported'
- tidied up Stata version control so that merge behaves as before (automatically recasting numeric as string)
- I dropped the final CLIFEJOB spell if it was current at or after 1990 (cljenst>=3). Such spells had missing industry information, which was contained in an earlier INDRESP or JOBHIST record