Overview

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Growing Up in Ireland

- National longitudinal study – childhood through to adulthood
- Established to provide an evidence base for policy and services for children
- 2007-2022 carried out by research consortium under contract to Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY)
- Government decision 2019 – move GUI to CSO
  - Embed GUI in the official statistical system
- Jan 2023 – new model - partnership between CSO and DCEDIY
  - CSO GUI Survey – data collection and analysis
  - DCEDIY GUI Study – stakeholder consultation, identify research needs, promote use
GUI Cohorts

• Cohort 98
  • Born in 1998, survey began when they were 9 years old
  • Now 25 years old – latest survey is currently in the field

• Cohort 08
  • Born in 2008, survey began when they were 9 months old
  • Last surveyed at 13 – during Covid
  • Next survey at age 17 – 2025

• Cohort 24
  • Born in 2024 – data collection begins in September
The Role of the CSO

• National Statistical Office
• Statistics Act 1993
  • Mandate for data collection
  • Co-ordinating role for official statistics compiled by public authorities
  • Realise the potential of administrative data for statistical purposes
Official statistics & Administrative data

- CSO data protocol provides for the linkage of data sets, including administrative data provided the proposed data matching:
  - Complies, in full, with data protection legislation
  - Is undertaken solely for statistical purposes as defined in the Statistics Act, 1993
    - the collection, compilation, extraction and dissemination for statistical purposes of information relating to economic, social and general activities and conditions in the State
  - Is approved in advance by the Director General of the CSO
GUI & Administrative Data

- Use of admin data was central to decision to move GUI to CSO
  - Enhance existing analysis
  - Reduce respondent burden
  - Allow inter-wave analysis
  - Track pathways over time
- Admin data gives additional insights into, e.g. progression to employment, income levels between survey waves.
- GUI enables further exploration of phenomena observed in admin data
GUI & Administrative Data

- **Current**
  - Sampling frames
  - Education – CAO data linked with GUI

- **Planned**
  - Reduce primary data collection in & enhance longitudinal analysis
    - Interactions with public services
    - Information on public service settings and quality
    - Education and employment pathways
  - Geo-coding
    - Match to neighbourhood characteristics
    - Proximity analysis
Cohort 24 - Questionnaire Design

- Stakeholder engagement
- Longitudinal consistency
- International longitudinal studies
- Meta data reviews
- Administrative data
# Future Work Plans

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