

This message is intended for WES bootstrap weights users.

Since the release of the 2000 data, the scale of the bootstrap weights has changed from 20 to 50. This applies to the three years of data (1999, 2000, and 2001). If a scale of 20 is used in your analysis, the standard errors will be underestimated.

We would like to take this opportunity to emphasize the importance of the use of bootstrap weights, particularly the multivariate analysis due to the complex survey design of the WES. Should you have any questions or need further clarifications on this issue, please feel free to contact zdenek.patak@statcan.ca, senior methodologist, WES.

Along with the 2001 data, new files for years 1999 and 2000 will be forwarded to you. Updates to the 1999 and 2000 files were made because of revisions to some variables.

The most noteworthy changes are as follows:

1999 Employee file:

The variables AP1_MOST_* (question 22g) were modified to reflect the answer provided to question 22f when only one method of learning was reported. The treatment of this variable now corresponds to the one used for 2000 and 2001.

2000 Employee file:

As a result of an error discovered in the calculation of the employee longitudinal weights, a revision of the weights (EMP_FINAL_WT) was required. The impact on weighted analysis can vary depending on the variable used and the type of study. As an example, the estimated population of employees still working for the same employer was revised from 8,964,798 to 9,003,768 (+0.4%), while the number of employees having left their employer went from 1,790,230 to 1,836,860 (+2.6%).

The variables EDC_LAST12_* were renamed to EDC12_*.

The variable OTH_EDUC_LAST12 was renamed to OTH_12M.

1999 and 2000 Employer files:

The variable CBA_EMP was renamed to TTL_CVNM (total number of non-managers covered by a collective bargaining agreement).