



## Note to Data Users BNLA Data Release 5.0

### Files in this data release

BNLA Data Release 5.0 contains the following data files and documentation:

- Combined Wave 1 data file (bnla\_a50gr)
- Combined Wave 2 data file (bnla\_b50gr)
- Combined Wave 3 data file (bnla\_c50gr)
- Combined Wave 4 data file (bnla\_d50gr)
- Combined Wave 5 data file (bnla\_d50gr)
- Wave 3 Child Self-Report data file (bnlasr\_c50gr)
- Frequency tables for BNLA data files
- Marked-up questionnaires for all waves
- Data Users Guide
- Data Dictionary
- Note to Data Users (this document).

Use of these datasets is governed by the Deed and the NCLD Access and Use Guidelines available from: <https://dataverse.ada.edu.au/dataverse/ncld>.

### Changes to data files between Release 4 and Release 5

#### Renaming variables

In Release 5.0, variables with very long names (in excess of 15 characters) were renamed to assist with data handling. The renaming occurred across all waves (including previously released data). These variables included:

- *<a-e>time\_since\_arrival* – renamed to *<a-e>time\_arriv*
- *<a/c/e>lp01\_language* – renamed to *<a/c/e>lp01\_lang*
- *<a/c/e>lp15\_languageX<sup>1</sup>* – renamed to *<a/c/e>lp15\_langX*
- *cprimarycaregiver* – renamed to *cprimcarer*
- *zem02\_X\_anzsco* – renamed to *zem02\_Xanzsco*
- *zie14\**, *zie16\** and *zie17\** variables<sup>2</sup> – renamed to remove the second underscore in the variable name.

#### PR report variables

In Release 5.0, some of the variables previously classified as ‘PR report’ (reported by PR only and applied to the whole of Migrating Unit/Household, including SRs and Enumerated Persons) were re-classified as non-PR Report where it was decided that the variables did not necessarily apply to the whole of MU/Household.

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<sup>1</sup> X represents a number.

<sup>2</sup> Asterisk is a wildcard that replaces any number of characters in the variable name, and is used here to indicate a group of variables.



### **Corrections**

Age variables were updated to reflect reported corrections to participants' dates of birth and dates of interview.

### **Errors**

From time to time, errors are discovered in the released data. If these are only minor, corrections to the data will await the next release. If you find errors in the data or documentation, please let us know so that corrections can be made to the next release. Users will be informed if any major error is discovered.

If you any have questions, please email [bnla@aifs.gov.au](mailto:bnla@aifs.gov.au) or [NCLDresearch@dss.gov.au](mailto:NCLDresearch@dss.gov.au).

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