



# ***Growing Up in Ireland***

-the National Longitudinal Study of Children

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***Presentation 02:***

Accessing the Data



# Two levels of data file

## AMF

Anonymised Microdata File

AMF in the archive – ISSDA

Top coding

Removal of potentially  
identifying variables

## RMF

Researcher Microdata File

Distributed directly by the  
DCYA/CSO

Less top coding

Contains more variables



# AMF

- AMF dataset and documentation is held in ISSDA (Irish Social Sciences Data Archive)
- Access to the dataset applied for through ISSDA:
  - sign contract
  - provide a short description of intended use of the data along with an estimated end date for using the data
- Accompanying documentation is freely available from the website
- AMF data from ISSDA sent on password protected encrypted CD

<http://www.ucd.ie/issda/data/growingupinireland/>



# RMF

- RMF not available through ISSDA
- Must apply directly to DCYA and CSO
- Much tighter controls
- Must give detailed outline of research project and reasons why AMF is not sufficient

<http://www.dcy.gov.ie>



# Ownership and use of the data

- Users are reminded that the data are owned by the State and distributed under licence from the Central Statistics Office
- The data were collected under the Statistics Act 1993. This is a very important Act and clearly sets out the terms and conditions of use of the data recorded under it
- Data shall be used for statistical compilation and analysis only
- No data which can be related to an identifiable person shall be disseminated, shown or communicated to any person or body