Abstract

Australia at Work is a longitudinal study of 8,341 Australians to examine people’s working lives in a continually changing industrial relations environment. The research participants will be contacted once a year for five years (2007 to 2011) to find out how their working lives are changing. The Australian labour market is experiencing a period of substantial change, within both the economic and industrial relations environments. This third annual Australia at Work report provides a first look at how these changes are impacting on working life. The report distinguishes between changes that have occurred in the last year, during the economic downturn, and the ongoing dynamics of the Australian labour market. The purpose of this report is to provide a first descriptive take of the most recent data in order to generate debate about how Australian working life is evolving both in the short and longer term.

Keywords

Longitudinal study, Longitudinal data, Working conditions, Economic recession, Labour relations

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