

## Evaluating the Effectiveness of Active Labor Programs in Poland - Data Summary

The Poland public use data (1997) were compiled to evaluate the effectiveness of Active Labor Programs (ALPs) in Poland. Local labor offices in 8 voivods (provinces) across Poland conducted interviews of the selected samples between February and April 1997. Program participant samples were randomly selected for four ALPs (retraining, public works, intervention works, and self-employment assistance). Comparison group samples were strategically selected for each program sample by matching each individual in the program samples with the most similar individual from the local unemployment register that had never participated in an ALP. Data for each individual were obtained from in person interviews, with additional administrative information from the unemployment register and the National Labor Office in Poland. The data were compiled into a single file containing five main sections: record identification, demographic information, survey/interview variables, program assessment/outcome variables, and created variables. The file contains 14,357 observations with record length 296. Since the comparison group was not randomly assigned, a second comparison group containing 10,000 randomly selected observations is provided as a separate data file. This second comparison group sample does not include survey data, it contains administrative data only.