May 2000: Federal Government announces intention to develop a national longitudinal study of children and their families

March-April 2003: Pilot test conducted

August 2003: Wave 1 data collection (first stage) commences

February 2004: Growing Up in Australia officially launched by The Hon. Kay Patterson, Minister for Family and Community Services, at the Melbourne Museum

May 2005: Both wave 1 data and first Annual Report released

September 2005, April 2006: Wave 2 data collection commences

2006: Life at 1 documentary produced

October 2006: Two initial episodes of Life at 1 screen on ABC TV

2007: Life at 2 website launched

September 2007: Wave 2 data released

December 2007: Inaugural LSAC conference held in Melbourne

July 2007: Wave 3 fieldwork commences

October 2008: Life at 3 documentary screened on ABC TV

August 2009: Wave 3 data released

August 2009: Wave 4 fieldwork commences

December 2009: 2nd LSAC conference held in Melbourne

2010: Life at 5 documentary produced

February 2011: Two episodes of Life at 5 screen on ABC1

June 2011, March 2012: Wave 5 fieldwork commences

November 2011: LSAC-LSIC Research Conference held in Melbourne.

2011-12: Life at 7 documentary produced

October 2012: Two episodes of Life at 7 screen on ABC1

March 2013: Growing Up in Australia turns 10!

August 2013: Wave 6 fieldwork commences (first stage)

March 2014: Wave 5 data released

March 2014: Wave 6 fieldwork commences (second stage)

July/August 2014: Life at 9 documentary screens on ABC1

June 2015: Wave 7 fieldwork commences (first stage)

December 2015: Wave 6 data released

April 2016: Wave 7 fieldwork commences (second stage)

June 2017: Wave 8 fieldwork commences (first stage)

February 2018: Wave 8 fieldwork commences (second stage)

June 2019: Wave 9 fieldwork commences

October 2020: Wave 9 fieldwork goes online and is revised to focus on impacts of COVID-19 and natural disasters