

Appendix 5: Percentage of the population perceiving adult item or activity as necessary in the 1999 PSE Survey

Adult item and activity	Necessary	Desirable	Don't know
Beds and bedding for everyone	95	4	
Heating to warm living areas	94	5	
Damp free home	93	6	1
<i>Visiting friends or family in hospital</i>	92	7	1
Two meals a day	91	9	1
Medicines prescribed by doctor	90	9	1
Refrigerator	89	11	1
Fresh fruit and vegetables daily	86	13	1
A warm waterproof coat	85	14	1
Replace broken electrical goods	85	14	2
Visits to friends or family	84	15	1
Celebrations on special occasions	83	16	2
Money to keep home decorated	82	17	1
Visits to school eg sports day	81	17	2
Attending weddings, funerals	80	19	1
Meat, fish or vegetarian equivalent	79	19	1
Insurance of contents of dwelling	79	20	1
A hobby or leisure activity	78	20	1
A washing machine	76	22	1
Collect children from school	75	23	3
Telephone	71	28	1
Deep freezer/fridge freezer	68	30	2
Carpets in living rooms and bedrooms	67	31	2
Regular savings for rainy days	66	32	2
Two pairs of all weather shoes	64	34	2
Friends or family round for a meal	64	34	2
Leisure equipment (eg for sports)	60	38	2
Money to spend on self weekly	59	39	2
A television	56	43	2
A roast joint/vegetarian equivalent weekly	56	41	3
Presents for friends/family yearly	56	42	2
A holiday away from home	55	43	3
Replace worn out furniture	54	43	3
A dictionary	53	44	3
An outfit for social occasions	51	46	3
<i>New, not second-hand, clothes</i>	48	49	3
<i>A car</i>	38	59	3
<i>Coach/train fares to visit friends/family</i>	38	58	4
<i>A evening out once a fortnight</i>	37	56	3
<i>A dressing gown</i>	34	63	4
<i>Having a daily newspaper</i>	30	66	4
<i>A meal in a restaurant/pub monthly</i>	26	71	4
<i>Microwave oven</i>	23	73	4
<i>Tumble dryer</i>	20	75	4
<i>Going to the pub once a fortnight</i>	20	76	4
<i>A video cassette recorder</i>	19	78	3
<i>Holidays abroad once a year</i>	19	77	4
<i>CD player</i>	12	84	4
<i>A home computer</i>	11	85	4
<i>A dishwasher</i>	7	88	5

<i>Mobile phone</i>	7	88	5
<i>Access to the internet</i>	6	89	5
<i>Satellite television</i>	5	90	5