



**PERFORMANCE AND QUALITY
MONITORING REPORT**
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Quarter

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LABOUR FORCE SURVEY

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December 2005 - February 2006

1 Delivery dates of data to LMD

In the quarter, December 2005 - February 2006, the dates for delivery of data files to LMD are as follows:

1.1 Client file: UK data

Scheduled delivery date for file: March 21, 2006

Achieved delivery date for file: March 20, 2006

1.2 Data file for other users

Scheduled availability date for public user files: April 12, 2006

to:

SPSSMR:	Superstar
ESRC:	SPSS
DfES	SPSS, Superstar
Employment Policy Institute:	SPSS
DTI:	SPSS
Northern Ireland (DETI NI):	SPSS, Superstar
HSE:	SPSS
Home Office:	Superstar
DWP:	SPSS, SAS
Bank of England	SPSS
HMT	SPSS
Scottish Executive	SPSS, SAS
National Learning and Skills Council	SPSS
Low Pay Commission	SPSS
Inland Revenue	SAS
National Assembly for Wales	Superstar

1.3 PQM Report

Scheduled delivery date: March 22, 2006

Achieved delivery date: March 23, 2006

2 Sample size: Great Britain

Achieved number:

	Includes imputed	Excludes imputed
Private Households	50,382	47,526
Individuals in private households	115,615	108,021
NHS Households	12	9
Individuals in NHS households	17	13

3 Overall Response rates

3.1 Great Britain

Wave 1	Numbers			Percentages		
	Total	Face-to-face	*Telephone	Total	Face-to-face	Telephone
Eligible	15267	15189	78	100.0	100.0	100.0
Interviewed	11061	11011	50	72.5	72.5	64.1
Refusal	3008	2997	11	19.7	19.7	14.1
Non contact	1198	1181	17	7.8	7.8	21.8

*Interviews North of the Caledonian Canal

Waves 2-5	Numbers			Percentages		
	Total	Face-to-face	Telephone	Total	Face-to-face	Telephone
Eligible	43123	9391	33732	100.0	100.0	100.0
Interviewed	39333	6677	32656	91.2	71.1	96.8
Refusal	2080	1294	786	4.8	13.8	2.3
Non contact	1710	1420	290	4.0	15.1	0.9

Notes: Households for which a response is imputed at Waves 2-5 recall are recorded in the above tables as 'interviewed'. In December 2005 - February 2006, for GB 1509 households shown as circumstantial refusals were imputed responses; and 1350 households shown as non-contacts were imputed responses.

3.2 Greater London

Wave 1	Numbers			Percentages		
	Total	Face-to-face	Telephone	Total	Face-to-face	Telephone
Eligible	1859	1859	0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Interviewed	1207	1207	0	64.9	64.9	0.0
Refusal	373	373	0	20.1	20.1	0.0
Non contact	279	279	0	15.0	15.0	0.0

Waves 2-5	Numbers			Percentages		
	Total	Face-to-face	Telephone	Total	Face-to-face	Telephone
Eligible	5204	2099	3105	100.0	100.0	100.0
Interviewed	4171	1202	2969	80.1	57.3	95.6
Refusal	347	256	91	6.7	12.2	2.9
Non contact	686	641	45	13.2	30.5	1.4

Notes: Households for which a response is imputed at Waves 2-5 recall are recorded in the above tables as 'interviewed'. In December 2005 - February 2006, for London 215 households shown as circumstantial refusals were imputed responses; and 299 households shown as non-contacts were imputed responses.

4 Partial household response rates

Interviews were achieved with one or more, but not all, adult members at 2975 households, or 5.1% of all eligible households. This figure includes imputed partial interviews brought forward from the previous wave.

5 Response rates at National Health Service (NHS) accommodation

	<i>Numbers</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Eligible	22	100.0
Interviewed (full/part)	12	54.5
Refusal	3	13.6
Non contact	7	31.8

Note: This includes imputed households and eligible households from the previous wave.

6 Question-specific response rates

	Variable	Eligible	No Answer	%
Ethnicity	Eth01	115649	47	0.04
Whether ever had paid job	EVERWK	37507	17	0.05
Industry	INDM92M	53895	51	0.09
Occupation	SOC2KM	53895	37	0.07
Supervisor	SUPVIS	59245	67	0.11
Management level	MANAGER	46681	43	0.09
Employees at establishment	MPNE02	59528	657	1.10
Self-employed on own or with employees	SOLOR	6948	8	0.12
Full or part time work	FTPTWK	67321	24	0.04
Whether job permanent	JOBTYP	46680	19	0.04
Whether off sick in reference week	ILLWK	53883	0	0.00
Whether ever do overtime	EVEROT	53716	87	0.16
Total usual hours (never do overtime)	TOTUS1	118904	820	0.69
Usual hours (excluding overtime)	USUHR	118904	170	0.14
Total hours actually worked in reference week (no overtime)	TOTAC1	118904	552	0.46
Actual hours (excluding overtime)	ACTHR	118904	150	0.13
Whether had second job	SECJOB	53714	23	0.04
Whether looking for different or additional	DIFJOB	53725	25	0.05
Education and training in last 4 weeks - in employment	ED4WK	15036	56	0.37
Education and training in last 4 weeks- not in employment	FUTUR4	2287	1	0.04
Ask health questions or too ill to continue	HPRMB	2211	0	0.00

7 Forced response questions

The following questions were forced response, and the interview could not proceed without the information:

R(1-16)	Relationship to head of household and to other household members
SEX	Sex of respondent
AGE	Age of respondent
MARSTT	Marital condition of respondent
MARCHK	Is spouse a member of the household
LIVTOG	Whether respondent living together with someone as a couple
HRPID	Person in which accommodation is owned or rented
SCHM04	Whether respondent on a government scheme in the reference week
NEWDEA4	For those respondents on New Deal, the type of option in which they were participating
TECLEC4	Whether respondent was on a TEC, LEC or other scheme
WRKING	Whether respondent did any paid work in the reference week
JBAWAY	Whether respondent was away from paid working the reference week
OWNBUS	Whether respondent did any unpaid work in the reference week for a business owned by herself/himself
RELBUS	Whether respondent did any unpaid work in the reference week for a business owned by a relative
STAT	Whether respondent was working as an employee or self-employed
LOOK4	Whether respondent was looking for paid work in the previous 4 weeks
LKYT4	Whether respondent was looking for a place on a government scheme in the previous 4 weeks
METHMP	Method of looking for work
METHSE	“ “
METHAL	“ “
MAINME	Main method of looking for work
MAINMA	“ “
MAINMS	“ “
METHM	“ “

8 Proxy responses

8.1 Great Britain

		All responses	Proxy	%
Age	Total (16+)	91447	30431	34
	16-17	2983	2529	85
	18-19	2611	1817	70
	20+	85853	26085	31
Sex	Total	91447	30431	34
	Male	43225	17081	40
	Female	48222	13350	28
Ethnicity	Total	91447	30431	34
	White	84435	27540	33
	N-White	6974	2876	41
	Refused	38	15	39
Economic activity (INECAC05)	Total	91447	30431	34
	Employees	46681	16437	36
	Self Emp	6949	2615	38
	Govt sch.	151	86	59
	UPFW	166	41	25
	ILO Unemp	2754	1063	39
	Inactive	34746	10189	30

8.2 London

		All responses	Proxy	%
Age	Total (16+)	9489	3174	33
	16-17	304	251	83
	18-19	281	184	65
	20+	8904	2739	31
Sex	Total	9489	3174	33
	Male	4471	1644	37
	Female	5018	1530	30
Ethnicity	Total	9489	3174	33
	White	6579	2012	31
	N-White	2897	1157	40
	Refused	13	5	38
Economic activity (INECAC05)	Total	9489	3174	33
	Employees	4572	1505	33
	Self Emp	928	297	32
	Govt sch.	11	3	27
	UPFW	21	5	24
	ILO Unemp	430	149	35
	Inactive	3527	1215	34

9 Commentary section

9.1 The sample

9.1.1 The reference period covered by the Fourth quarter of the 2005 LFS was from Monday, December 7, 2005 to Sunday, February 26, 2006. The period comprised 13 reference weeks, each ending on a Sunday and each represented proportionally in the sample. Most of the fieldwork was carried out in the following week, with a small amount of work which could not be completed then being done in the course of a further 8 days ending on a Sunday.

9.1.2 The LFS is designed as a 5-wave quarterly panel survey with sample rotation, in which all new sample (Wave 1) households are interviewed face-to-face. The recall waves (Waves 2-5) are by telephone, where respondents agree to its use.

9.2 Questionnaire development

9.2.1 There were no other significant changes to the core questions for the D05F questionnaire. A small number of questions were amended and demographic questions were changed to incorporate civil partnerships.

9.2.2

9.3 Delivery and quality of data files

9.3.1 The Client data file for the quarter for the United Kingdom was delivered on time (March 20th, 2006).

9.4 Response rates

In general, overall response rates in Great Britain for December 2005 – February 2006 were lower in comparison with those of September – November 2005. The overall response rate for Wave 1 in Great Britain was 72.5%, a decrease of 1.7 percentage points on the previous quarter, while the wave 2-5 response rate was 91.2% a decrease of 0.2 percentage points on the previous quarter. In Northern Ireland the overall response rate increased by 2.8 percentage points (62.7%) compared to those of the previous quarter (59.9%).

9.5 GB Income response rates

The response rates for respondents who were eligible for the income section, which is asked only at waves 1 and 5, are:

Wave	Response rate %
Wave 1	76.7
Wave 5	86.1
Overall	80.9

10 Target Response Rates

The table shows the target response rates given in the Service Level Agreement and those achieved in December 2005 - February 2006:

	Target %	Achieved %
Overall Response Rate - Wave 1	84	72.5
Overall Response Rate - Waves 2-5 ¹	96	91.2
Response Rate in Greater London - Wave 1	76	64.9
Response Rate in Greater London - Waves 2-5 ¹	93	80.1
Response Rate for NHS Hospital Accomodation	84	54.5
Response Rate for Income Section ²	90	86.1

Notes

- 1 Includes household where responses were imputed from previous wave
- 2 Response Rate for Income Section at Wave 5 only

11 Response Rates by Wave

	Response Rate %	% of cases done face-to- face	% of cases done by telephone
Wave 1	72	100	0
Wave 2	63	23	77
Wave 3	61	17	83
Wave 4	57	15	85
Wave 5	55	14	86

12 United Kingdom sample size and response rates

12.1 Sample size

Achieved number:

	Includes imputed	Excludes imputed
Private Households	52241	49326
Individuals in private households	120463	112725
NHS Households	12	9
Individuals in NHS households	17	13

12.2 Overall response rates - United Kingdom

Wave 1	<i>Numbers</i>			<i>Percentages</i>		
	Total	Face-to-face	*Telephone	Total	Face-to-face	Telephone
Eligible	15859	15781	78	100.0	100.0	100.0
Interviewed	11432	11382	50	72.1	72.1	64.1
Refusal	3124	3113	11	19.7	19.7	14.1
Non contact	1303	1286	17	8.2	8.1	21.8

*Interviews North of the Caledonian Canal

Waves 2-5	<i>Numbers</i>			<i>Percentages</i>		
	Total	Face-to-face	Telephone	Total	Face-to-face	Telephone
Eligible	44876	11144	33732	100.0	100.0	100.0
Interviewed	40821	8165	32656	91.0	73.3	96.8
Refusal	2173	1387	786	4.8	12.4	2.3
Non contact	1882	1592	290	4.2	14.3	0.9

Notes: Households for which a response is imputed at Waves 2-5 recall are recorded in the above tables as 'interviewed'. In December 2005 - February 2006 for the UK, 1516 of the households shown as circumstantial refusals were imputed responses; and 1402 shown as non-contacts were imputed responses.

12.3 Proxy responses - United Kingdom

		All responses	Proxy	%
Age	Total 16+	95145	32085	34
	16-17	3120	2661	85
	18-19	2763	1946	70
	20+	89262	27478	31
Sex	Total	95145	32085	34
	Male	44965	18068	40
	Female	50180	14017	28
Ethnicity	Total	95145	32085	34
	White	88095	29174	33
	N-White	7012	2896	41
	Refused	38	15	39
Economic Activity (INECAC05)	Total	95145	32085	34
	Employees	48421	17315	36
	Self Emp	7289	2803	38
	Govt sch.	180	107	59
	UPFW	175	43	25
	ILO Unemp	2835	1107	39
	Inactive	36245	10710	30

See section 8.1 for an explanation of the lower total numbers for the Ethnicity question.

12.5 UK Income response rates

The UK response rates for respondents who were eligible for the income section, which is asked only at waves 1 and 5, are:

Wave	Response Rate %
Wave 1	76.6
Wave 5	84.9
Overall	80.3

13 United Kingdom Response Rates by Government Office Region

The United Kingdom response rates at Wave 1 for eligible households, by Government Office Region, were:

GOR	Eligible <i>n</i>	Response Rate %
Tyne & Wear	286	78.0
Rest of North East	381	73.5
Greater Manchester	653	76.0
Merseyside	359	74.7
Rest of North West	761	77.9
South Yorkshire	330	81.2
West Yorkshire	587	75.3
Rest of Yorkshire & The Humber	449	73.5
East Midlands	1157	75.8
West Midlands Metropolitan County	666	71.0
Rest of West Midlands	719	75.0
East of England	1428	70.7
Inner London	722	59.7
Outer London	1137	68.2
South East	2137	70.9
South West	1318	68.3
Wales	775	76.5
Strathclyde	601	73.5
Rest of Scotland	801	75.4
Northern Ireland	592	62.7
England	13090	72.0
Scotland	1402	74.6
Great Britain	15267	72.5
United Kingdom	15859	72.1

