



**PERFORMANCE AND QUALITY  
MONITORING REPORT**  
September - November 2005  
**Quarter**

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# LABOUR FORCE SURVEY

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September - November 2005

### 1 Delivery dates of data to LMD

In the quarter, September - November 2005, the dates for delivery of data files to LMD are as follows:

#### 1.1 Client file: UK data

Scheduled delivery date for file: December 19, 2005

Achieved delivery date for file: December 19, 2005

#### 1.2 Data file for other users

Scheduled availability date for public user files: January 18, 2005

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: December 21, 2005

Achieved delivery date: December 21, 2005

## 2 Sample size: Great Britain

Achieved number:

	<b>Includes imputed</b>	<b>Excludes imputed</b>
Private Households	50,699	47,898
Individuals in private households	116,577	108,673
NHS Households	9	7
Individuals in NHS households	14	12

### 3 Overall Response rates

#### 3.1 Great Britain

Wave 1	Numbers			Percentages		
	Total	Face-to-face	*Telephone	Total	Face-to-face	Telephone
Eligible	15244	15166	78	100.0	100.0	100.0
Interviewed	11310	11259	51	74.2	74.2	65.4
Refusal	2858	2843	15	18.7	18.7	19.2
Non contact	1076	1064	12	7.1	7.0	15.4

\*Interviews North of the Caledonian Canal

Waves 2-5	Numbers			Percentages		
	Total	Face-to-face	Telephone	Total	Face-to-face	Telephone
Eligible	43091	9377	33714	100.0	100.0	100.0
Interviewed	39398	6818	32580	91.4	72.7	96.6
Refusal	2041	1212	829	4.7	12.9	2.5
Non contact	1652	1347	305	3.8	14.4	0.9

Notes: Households for which a response is imputed at Waves 2-5 recall are recorded in the above tables as 'interviewed'. In September - November 2005, for GB 1533 households shown as circumstantial refusals were imputed responses; and 1270 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	1851	1851	0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Interviewed	1228	1228	0	66.3	66.3	0.0
Refusal	374	374	0	20.2	20.2	0.0
Non contact	249	249	0	13.5	13.5	0.0

Waves 2-5	Numbers			Percentages		
	Total	Face-to-face	Telephone	Total	Face-to-face	Telephone
Eligible	5242	2189	3053	100.0	100.0	100.0
Interviewed	4235	1318	2917	80.8	60.2	95.5
Refusal	349	256	93	6.7	11.7	3.0
Non contact	658	615	43	12.6	28.1	1.4

Notes: Households for which a response is imputed at Waves 2-5 recall are recorded in the above tables as 'interviewed'. In September - November 2005, for London 184 households shown as circumstantial refusals were imputed responses; and 248 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 3305 households, or 5.7% 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	16	100.0
Interviewed (full/part)	9	56.3
Refusal	1	6.3
Non contact	6	37.5

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

## 6 Question-specific response rates

	<b>Variable</b>	<b>Eligible</b>	<b>No Answer</b>	<b>%</b>
Ethnicity	Eth01	116601	54	0.05
Whether ever had paid job	EVERWK	37619	18	0.05
Industry	INDM92M	54518	56	0.10
Occupation	SOC2KM	54518	39	0.07
Supervisor	SUPVIS	60294	66	0.11
Management level	MANAGER	47229	59	0.12
Employees at establishment	MPNE02	60594	680	1.12
Self-employed on own or with employees	SOLOR	6998	4	0.06
Full or part time work	FTPTWK	68450	25	0.04
Whether job permanent	JOBTYP	47229	16	0.03
Whether off sick in reference week	ILLWK	54500	0	0.00
Whether ever do overtime	EVEROT	54319	63	0.12
Total usual hours (never do overtime)	TOTUS1	116605	828	0.71
Usual hours (excluding overtime)	USUHR	116605	183	0.16
Total hours actually worked in reference week (no overtime)	TOTAC1	116605	585	0.50
Actual hours (excluding overtime)	ACTHR	116605	141	0.12
Whether had second job	SECJOB	54318	37	0.07
Whether looking for different or additional	DIFJOB	54337	31	0.06
Education and training in last 4 weeks - in employment	ED4WK	15097	69	0.46
Education and training in last 4 weeks- not in employment	FUTUR4	2195	1	0.05
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

		<b>All responses</b>	<b>Proxy</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Age</b>	Total (16+)	92210	30662	34
	16-17	3120	2627	85
	18-19	2615	1808	70
	20+	86475	26227	31
<b>Sex</b>	Total	92210	30662	34
	Male	43624	17321	40
	Female	48586	13341	28
<b>Ethnicity</b>	Total	92210	30662	34
	White	85175	27787	33
	N-White	6996	2861	41
	Refused	39	14	36
<b>Economic activity (INECAC05)</b>	Total	92210	30662	34
	Employees	47230	16609	36
	Self Emp	6998	2662	39
	Govt sch.	170	89	56
	UPFW	181	43	23
	ILO Unemp	2805	1066	39
	Inactive	34826	10193	30



## 8.2 London

		<b>All responses</b>	<b>Proxy</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Age</b>	Total (16+)	9678	3230	33
	16-17	316	253	80
	18-19	268	177	66
	20+	9094	2800	31
<b>Sex</b>	Total	9678	3230	33
	Male	4568	1688	37
	Female	5110	1542	30
<b>Ethnicity</b>	Total	9676	3228	33
	White	6739	2060	31
	N-White	2925	1165	40
	Refused	12	3	25
<b>Economic activity (INECAC05)</b>	Total	9678	3230	33
	Employees	4655	1520	33
	Self Emp	902	301	33
	Govt sch.	20	6	30
	UPFW	16	2	13
	ILO Unemp	449	168	37
	Inactive	3636	1233	34

## 9 Commentary section

### 9.1 The sample

9.1.1 The reference period covered by the third quarter of the 2005 LFS was from Monday, August 29, 2005 to Sunday, November 27, 2005. 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 SN05 questionnaire.

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 (December 19th, 2005).

### 9.4 Response rates

Response rates in September - November, in general, were down on those of July - August. There were however increases in the response rates for London and from those in NHS accommodation. The wave 1 response rate was 73.7%, a decrease of 0.9 percentage points on the previous quarter; while the wave 2-5 response rate was 91.1% a decrease of 0.3 percentage points on the previous quarter. The wave 1 response rate for London went up by 2.2 percentage points to 66.3%. The response rate for NHS accommodation increased by 12.5% percentage points to 56.3%. This may be related to the small NHS sample size. The response rate in Northern Ireland decreased from 61.2% to 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:

<b>Wave</b>	<b>Response rate %</b>
Wave 1	76.1
Wave 5	85.9
Overall	80.4

## 10 Target Response Rates

The table shows the target response rates given in the Service Level Agreement and those achieved in September - November 2005:

	Target %	Achieved %
Overall Response Rate - Wave 1	84	74.2
Overall Response Rate - Waves 2-5 <sup>1</sup>	96	91.4
Response Rate in Greater London - Wave 1	76	66.3
Response Rate in Greater London - Waves 2-5 <sup>1</sup>	93	80.8
Response Rate for NHS Hospital Accommodation	84	56.3
Response Rate for Income Section <sup>2</sup>	90	85.9

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	74	100	0
Wave 2	65	24	76
Wave 3	60	18	82
Wave 4	55	15	85
Wave 5	57	14	86

## 12 United Kingdom sample size and response rates

### 12.1 Sample size

Achieved number:

	<b>Includes imputed</b>	<b>Excludes imputed</b>
Private Households	52546	49649
Individuals in private households	121295	113132
NHS Households	9	7
Individuals in NHS households	14	12

### 12.2 Overall response rates - United Kingdom

<b>Wave 1</b>	<i>Numbers</i>			<i>Percentages</i>		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Face-to-face</b>	<b>*Telephone</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Face-to-face</b>	<b>Telephone</b>
Eligible	15822	15744	78	100.0	100.0	100.0
Interviewed	11656	11605	51	73.7	73.7	65.4
Refusal	2976	2961	15	18.8	18.8	19.2
Non contact	1190	1178	12	7.5	7.5	15.4

\*Interviews North of the Caledonian Canal

<b>Waves 2-5</b>	<i>Numbers</i>			<i>Percentages</i>		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Face-to-face</b>	<b>Telephone</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Face-to-face</b>	<b>Telephone</b>
Eligible	44914	11200	33714	100.0	100.0	100.0
Interviewed	40899	8319	32580	91.1	74.3	96.6
Refusal	2154	1325	829	4.8	11.8	2.5
Non contact	1861	1556	305	4.1	13.9	0.9

Notes: Households for which a response is imputed at Waves 2-5 recall are recorded in the above tables as 'interviewed'. In September - November 2005 for the UK, 1551 of the households shown as circumstantial refusals were imputed responses; and 1348 shown as non-contacts were imputed responses.

### 12.3 Proxy responses - United Kingdom

		<b>All responses</b>	<b>Proxy</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Age</b>	Total 16+	95842	32284	34
	16-17	3270	2768	85
	18-19	2746	1926	70
	20+	89826	27590	31
<b>Sex</b>	Total	95842	32284	34
	Male	45315	18287	40
	Female	50527	13997	28
<b>Ethnicity</b>	Total	95842	32284	34
	White	88783	29398	33
	N-White	7020	2872	41
	Refused	39	14	36
<b>Economic Activity (INECAC05)</b>	Total	95842	32284	34
	Employees	48864	17412	36
	Self Emp	7340	2852	39
	Govt sch.	196	110	56
	UPFW	194	44	23
	ILO Unemp	2902	1121	39
	Inactive	36346	10745	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:

<b>Wave</b>	<b>Response Rate %</b>
Wave 1	76.2
Wave 5	84.6
Overall	79.9

### 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:

<b>GOR</b>	<b>Eligible <i>n</i></b>	<b>Response Rate %</b>
Tyne & Wear	301	82.1
Rest of North East	396	73.7
Greater Manchester	655	82.0
Merseyside	351	76.6
Rest of North West	736	78.3
South Yorkshire	341	80.1
West Yorkshire	567	77.4
Rest of Yorkshire & The Humber	442	75.8
East Midlands	1123	78.4
West Midlands Metropolitan County	657	73.7
Rest of West Midlands	721	77.7
East of England	1443	70.8
Inner London	719	61.6
Outer London	1132	69.3
South East	2140	72.8
South West	1326	72.2
Wales	767	76.3
Strathclyde	618	72.0
Rest of Scotland	809	77.1
Northern Ireland	578	59.9
England	13050	74.0
Scotland	1427	74.9
Great Britain	15244	74.2
United Kingdom	15822	73.7

