



**PERFORMANCE AND QUALITY
MONITORING REPORT**

June - August 2005
Quarter

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1 Delivery dates of data to LMD

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

1.1 Client file: UK data

Scheduled delivery date for file: September 21, 2005

Achieved delivery date for file: 21/092005

1.2 Data file for other users

Scheduled availability date for public user files: October 12, 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

Scheduled availability date for UACounty user fil October 12, 2005

to:

DfES	Superstar, SPSS
DWP	SAS, SPSS
DTI:	SPSS
Northern Ireland (DETI NI):	SPSS
Bank of England	SPSS
Scottish executive	SAS
HM Treasury	SPSS
Inland Revenue	SAS
House of Commons Library	SPSS
National Assembly for Wales	Superstar

1.3 PQM Report

Scheduled delivery date: September 22, 2005

Achieved delivery date: September 22, 2005

2 Sample size: Great Britain

Achieved number:

	Includes imputed	Excludes imputed
Private Households	50,765	47,826
Individuals in private households	116,909	108,868
NHS Households	7	7
Individuals in NHS households	12	12

3 Overall Response rates

3.1 Great Britain

Wave 1	Numbers			Percentages		
	Total	face-to-face	*Telephone	Total	face-to-face	Telephone
Eligible	15284	15208	76	100.0	100.0	100.0
Interviewed	11484	11444	40	75.1	75.2	52.6
Refusal	2649	2623	26	17.3	17.2	34.2
Non contact	1151	1141	10	7.5	7.5	13.2

*Interviews North of the Caledonian Canal

Waves 2-5	Numbers			Percentages		
	Total	face-to-face	Telephone	Total	face-to-face	Telephone
Eligible	42881	9146	33735	100.0	100.0	100.0
Interviewed	39288	6641	32647	91.6	72.6	96.8
Refusal	2001	1195	806	4.7	13.1	2.4
Non contact	1592	1310	282	3.7	14.3	0.8

Notes: Households for which a response is imputed at Waves 2-5 recall are recorded in the above tables as 'interviewed'. In June - August 2005, for GB 1635 households shown as circumstantial refusals were imputed responses; and 1304 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	1835	1835	0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Interviewed	1176	1176	0	64.1	64.1	0.0
Refusal	347	347	0	18.9	18.9	0.0
Non contact	312	312	0	17.0	17.0	0.0

Waves 2-5	Numbers			Percentages		
	Total	face-to-face	Telephone	Total	face-to-face	Telephone
Eligible	5176	2141	3035	100.0	100.0	100.0
Interviewed	4213	1324	2889	81.4	61.8	95.2
Refusal	368	280	88	7.1	13.1	2.9
Non contact	595	537	58	11.5	25.1	1.9

Notes: Households for which a response is imputed at Waves 2-5 recall are recorded in the above tables as 'interviewed'. In June - August 2005, for London 202 households shown as circumstantial refusals were imputed responses; and 261 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 2950 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	16	100.0
Interviewed (full/part)	7	43.8
Refusal	1	6.3
Non contact	8	50.0

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

6 Question-specific response rates

	Variable	Eligible	No Answer	%
Ethnicity	Eth01	116933	51	0.04
Whether ever had paid job	EVERWK	37677	14	0.04
Industry	INDM92M	54790	38	0.07
Occupation	SOC2KM	62172	30	0.05
Supervisor	SUPVIS	60414	70	0.12
Management level	MANAGER	47597	42	0.09
Employees at establishment	MPNE02	60722	600	0.99
Self-employed on own or with employees	SOLOR	6908	1	0.01
Full or part time work	FTPTWK	68494	18	0.03
Whether job permanent	JOBTYP	47597	14	0.03
Whether off sick in reference week	ILLWK	54777	0	0.00
Whether ever do overtime	EVEROT	54605	55	0.10
Total usual hours (never do overtime)	TOTUS1	33932	750	2.21
Usual hours (excluding overtime)	USUHR	20790	161	0.77
Total hours actually worked in reference week (no overtime)	TOTAC1	29887	527	1.76
Actual hours (excluding overtime)	ACTHR	18223	128	0.70
Whether had second job	SECJOB	54601	9	0.02
Whether looking for different or additional	DIFJOB	54612	22	0.04
Education and training in last 4 weeks - in employment	ED4WK	15134	54	0.36
Education and training in last 4 weeks- not in employment	FUTUR4	2040	0	0.00
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+)	92540	30873	34
	16-17	3101	2581	84
	18-19	2701	1913	72
	20+	86738	26379	31
Sex	Total	92540	30873	34
	Male	43956	17587	41
	Female	48584	13286	28
Ethnicity	Total	92540	30873	34
	White	85601	28073	33
	N-White	6899	2783	40
	Refused	40	17	43
Economic activity (INECAC05)	Total	92540	30873	34
	Employees	47597	16916	36
	Self Emp	6908	2636	39
	Govt sch.	180	96	56
	UPFW	172	47	27
	ILO Unemp	2665	1052	40
	Inactive	35018	10126	29

8.2 London

		All responses	Proxy	%
Age	Total (16+)	9609	3243	34
	16-17	281	236	84
	18-19	256	174	68
	20+	9072	2833	31
Sex	Total	9609	3243	34
	Male	4512	1675	37
	Female	5097	1568	31
Ethnicity	Total	9609	3243	34
	White	6730	2096	31
	N-White	2874	1145	40
	Refused	5	2	40
Economic activity (INECAC05)	Total	9609	3243	34
	Employees	4671	1548	33
	Self Emp	865	289	33
	Govt sch.	14	8	57
	UPFW	15	4	27
	ILO Unemp	385	165	43
	Inactive	3659	1229	34

9 Commentary section

9.1 The sample

9.1.1 The reference period covered by the Second quarter of the 2005 LFS was from Monday, May 30, 2005 to Sunday, August 28, 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 JA05 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 (September 21st, 2005).

9.4 Response rates

Response rates in June - August, in general, were up on those of March - May. The wave 1 response rate was 74.6%, an increase of 1.1 percentage points on the previous quarter; the wave 2-5 response rate was 91.4% a decrease of 0.5 percentage points on the previous quarter. The wave 1 response rate for London went up by 2.9 percentage points to 64.1%. The response rate for NHS accommodation decreased by 0.6 percentage points to 43.8%. This may be related to the small NHS sample size. The response rate in Northern Ireland increased from 59.7% to 61.2%.

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	76.2
Wave 5	85.3
Overall	80.1

10 Target Response Rates

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

	Target %	Achieved %
Overall Response Rate - Wave 1	84	75.1
Overall Response Rate - Waves 2-5 ¹	96	91.6
Response Rate in Greater London - Wave 1	76	64.1
Response Rate in Greater London - Waves 2-5 ¹	93	81.4
Response Rate for NHS Hospital Accommodation	84	43.8
Response Rate for Income Section ²	90	85.3

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	75	100	0
Wave 2	63	24	76
Wave 3	58	17	83
Wave 4	57	16	84
Wave 5	57	14	86

12 United Kingdom sample size and response rates

12.1 Sample size

Achieved number:

	Includes imputed	Excludes imputed
Private Households	52735	49714
Individuals in private households	121946	113710
NHS Households	7	7
Individuals in NHS households	12	12

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	15867	15791	76	100.0	100.0	100.0
Interviewed	11841	11801	40	74.6	74.7	52.6
Refusal	2750	2724	26	17.3	17.3	34.2
Non contact	1276	1266	10	8.0	8.0	13.2

*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	44769	11034	33735	100.0	100.0	100.0
Interviewed	40901	8254	32647	91.4	74.8	96.8
Refusal	2086	1280	806	4.7	11.6	2.4
Non contact	1782	1500	282	4.0	13.6	0.8

Notes: Households for which a response is imputed at Waves 2-5 recall are recorded in the above tables as 'interviewed'. In June - August 2005 for the UK, 1641 of the households shown as circumstantial refusals were imputed responses; and 1380 shown as non-contacts were imputed responses.

12.3 Proxy responses - United Kingdom

		All responses	Proxy	%
Age	Total 16+	96452	32629	34
	16-17	3271	2742	84
	18-19	2856	2043	72
	20+	90325	27844	31
Sex	Total	96452	32629	34
	Male	45794	18628	41
	Female	50658	14001	28
Ethnicity	Total	96452	32629	34
	White	89489	29820	33
	N-White	6923	2792	40
	Refused	40	17	43
Economic Activity (INECAC05)	Total	96452	32629	34
	Employees	49399	17792	36
	Self Emp	7268	2833	39
	Govt sch.	206	115	56
	UPFW	186	51	27
	ILO Unemp	2772	1106	40
	Inactive	36621	10732	29

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	76.5
Wave 5	83.9
Overall	79.7

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 n	Response Rate %
Tyne & Wear	313	79.6
Rest of North East	398	78.4
Greater Manchester	655	81.8
Merseyside	362	82.6
Rest of North West	752	81.5
South Yorkshire	330	81.5
West Yorkshire	559	80.9
Rest of Yorkshire & The Humber	425	76.2
East Midlands	1134	77.3
West Midlands Metropolitan County	661	71.6
Rest of West Midlands	718	78.6
East of England	1449	75.2
Inner London	716	61.7
Outer London	1119	65.6
South East	2136	75.7
South West	1354	71.4
Wales	781	75.7
Strathclyde	603	75.0
Rest of Scotland	819	76.2
Northern Ireland	583	61.2
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England	13081	75.0
Scotland	1422	75.7
Great Britain	15284	75.1
United Kingdom	15867	74.6