



**PERFORMANCE AND QUALITY
MONITORING REPORT**
March - May 2005
Quarter

June 23, 2005

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1 Delivery dates of data to LMD

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

1.1 Client file: UK data

Scheduled delivery date for file: June 22, 2005

Achieved delivery date for file: June 22, 2005

1.2 Data file for other users

Scheduled availability date for public user files: July 13, 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 files: July 13, 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: June 23, 2005

Achieved delivery date: June 23, 2005

2 Sample size: Great Britain

Achieved number:

| | Includes imputed | Excludes imputed |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Private Households | 51,179 | 47,960 |
| Individuals in private households | 118,021 | 108,849 |
| NHS Households | 8 | 7 |
| Individuals in NHS households | 14 | 13 |

3 Overall Response rates

3.1 Great Britain

| Wave 1 | Numbers | | | Percentages | | |
|-------------|---------|--------------|------------|-------------|--------------|-----------|
| | Total | Face-to-face | *Telephone | Total | Face-to-face | Telephone |
| Eligible | 15316 | 15237 | 78 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Interviewed | 11378 | 11335 | 42 | 74.3 | 74.4 | 53.8 |
| Refusal | 2818 | 2800 | 18 | 18.4 | 18.4 | 23.1 |
| Non contact | 1120 | 1102 | 18 | 7.3 | 7.2 | 23.1 |

*Interviews North of the Caledonian Canal

| Waves 2-5 | Numbers | | | Percentages | | |
|-------------|---------|--------------|-----------|-------------|--------------|-----------|
| | Total | Face-to-face | Telephone | Total | Face-to-face | Telephone |
| Eligible | 43189 | 8895 | 34294 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Interviewed | 39809 | 6568 | 33241 | 92.2 | 73.8 | 96.9 |
| Refusal | 1953 | 1138 | 815 | 4.5 | 12.8 | 2.4 |
| Non contact | 1427 | 1189 | 238 | 3.3 | 13.4 | 0.7 |

Notes: Households for which a response is imputed at Waves 2-5 recall are recorded in the above tables as 'interviewed'. In March - May 2005, for GB 1790 households shown as circumstantial refusals were imputed responses; and 1430 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 | 1854 | 1854 | 0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Interviewed | 1135 | 1135 | 0 | 61.2 | 61.2 | 0.0 |
| Refusal | 393 | 393 | 0 | 21.2 | 21.2 | 0.0 |
| Non contact | 326 | 326 | 0 | 17.6 | 17.6 | 0.0 |

| Waves 2-5 | Numbers | | | Percentages | | |
|-------------|---------|--------------|-----------|-------------|--------------|-----------|
| | Total | Face-to-face | Telephone | Total | Face-to-face | Telephone |
| Eligible | 5156 | 2069 | 3087 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Interviewed | 4258 | 1320 | 2938 | 82.6 | 63.8 | 95.2 |
| Refusal | 363 | 251 | 112 | 7.0 | 12.1 | 3.6 |
| Non contact | 535 | 498 | 37 | 10.4 | 24.1 | 1.2 |

Notes: Households for which a response is imputed at Waves 2-5 recall are recorded in the above tables as 'interviewed'. In March - May 2005, for London 235 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 3445 households, or 5.9% 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 | 18 | 100.0 |
| Interviewed (full/part) | 8 | 44.4 |
| Refusal | 1 | 5.6 |
| Non contact | 9 | 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 | 118049 | 60 | 0.05 |
| Whether ever had paid job | EVERWK | 38282 | 17 | 0.04 |
| Industry | INDM92M | 54892 | 38 | 0.07 |
| Occupation | SOC2KM | 54892 | 37 | 0.07 |
| Supervisor | SUPVIS | 60269 | 54 | 0.09 |
| Management level | MANAGER | 47633 | 36 | 0.08 |
| Employees at establishment | MPNE02 | 60637 | 627 | 1.03 |
| Self-employed on own or with employees | SOLOR | 6923 | 1 | 0.01 |
| Full or part time work | FTPTWK | 68347 | 20 | 0.03 |
| Whether job permanent | JOBTYP | 47633 | 10 | 0.02 |
| Whether off sick in reference week | ILLWK | 54879 | 0 | 0.00 |
| Whether ever do overtime | EVEROT | 54683 | 53 | 0.10 |
| Total usual hours (never do overtime) | TOTUS1 | 33196 | 772 | 2.33 |
| Usual hours (excluding overtime) | USUHR | 21630 | 188 | 0.87 |
| Total hours actually worked in reference week (no overtime) | TOTAC1 | 30585 | 549 | 1.79 |
| Actual hours (excluding overtime) | ACTHR | 20057 | 153 | 0.76 |
| Whether had second job | SECJOB | 54681 | 8 | 0.01 |
| Whether looking for different or additional | DIFJOB | 54691 | 26 | 0.05 |
| Education and training in last 4 weeks - in employment | ED4WK | 15495 | 51 | 0.33 |
| Education and training in last 4 weeks- not in employment | FUTUR4 | 2368 | 3 | 0.13 |
| 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+) | 93233 | 30325 | 33 |
| | 16-17 | 3163 | 2633 | 84 |
| | 18-19 | 2712 | 1862 | 70 |
| | 20+ | 87358 | 25830 | 30 |
| Sex | Total | 93233 | 30325 | 33 |
| | Male | 44157 | 17220 | 40 |
| | Female | 49076 | 13105 | 27 |
| Ethnicity | Total | 93233 | 30325 | 33 |
| | White | 86390 | 27598 | 32 |
| | N-White | 6794 | 2710 | 40 |
| | Refused | 49 | 17 | 35 |
| Economic activity (INECAC05) | Total | 93233 | 30325 | 33 |
| | Employees | 47633 | 16307 | 35 |
| | Self Emp | 6926 | 2521 | 37 |
| | Govt sch. | 210 | 114 | 58 |
| | UPFW | 196 | 48 | 24 |
| | ILO Unemp | 2530 | 855 | 34 |
| | Inactive | 35738 | 10480 | 30 |

8.2 London

| | | All responses | Proxy | % |
|---|-------------|----------------------|--------------|----------|
| Age | Total (16+) | 9498 | 3097 | 33 |
| | 16-17 | 296 | 239 | 81 |
| | 18-19 | 245 | 154 | 63 |
| | 20+ | 8957 | 2704 | 30 |
| | | | | |
| Sex | Total | 9498 | 3097 | 33 |
| | Male | 4435 | 1588 | 36 |
| | Female | 5063 | 1509 | 30 |
| Ethnicity | Total | 9498 | 3097 | 33 |
| | White | 6631 | 1994 | 30 |
| | N-White | 2851 | 1094 | 38 |
| | Refused | 16 | 9 | 56 |
| Economic activity (INECAC05) | Total | 9498 | 3097 | 33 |
| | Employees | 4588 | 1471 | 32 |
| | Self Emp | 838 | 266 | 32 |
| | Govt sch. | 22 | 12 | 55 |
| | UPFW | 22 | 11 | 50 |
| | ILO Unemp | 382 | 115 | 30 |
| | Inactive | 3646 | 1222 | 34 |

9 Commentary section

9.1 The sample

9.1.1 The reference period covered by the First quarter of the 2005 LFS was from Monday, March 7, 2005 to Sunday, May 29, 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 Starting in March to May, the derivation for Inecacr has been updated and replaced by Inecac05. Please refer to the user guide for more details. There were no other significant changes to the core questions.

9.2.2 The March to May questionnaire saw the inclusion of the Eurostat ad-hoc module on the reconciliation between work and family life.

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 (June 22nd, 2005).

9.4 Response rates

Response rates in March - May, in general, were up on those of December - February. The wave 1 response rate was 73.5%, an increase of 0.6 percentage points on the previous quarter; the wave 2-5 response rate was 91.9% a decrease of 0.4 percentage points on the previous quarter. The wave 1 response rate for London went down by 0.8 percentage points to 61.2%. The response rate for NHS accommodation decreased by 12.7percentage points to 44.4%. This may be related to the small NHS sample size. The response rate in Northern Ireland decreased from 63.0% to 59.7%.

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 | 75.5 |
| Wave 5 | 84.8 |
| Overall | 79.5 |

10 Target Response Rates

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

| | Target % | Achieved % |
|--|----------|------------|
| Overall Response Rate - Wave 1 | 84 | 74.3 |
| Overall Response Rate - Waves 2-51 | 96 | 92.2 |
| Response Rate in Greater London - Wave 1 | 76 | 61.2 |
| Response Rate in Greater London - Waves 2-51 | 93 | 82.6 |
| Response Rate for NHS Hospital Accomodation | 84 | 44.4 |
| Response Rate for Income Section2 | 90 | 84.8 |

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 | 61 | 23 | 77 |
| Wave 3 | 60 | 18 | 82 |
| Wave 4 | 58 | 15 | 85 |
| 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 | 53187 | 49833 |
| Individuals in private households | 123113 | 113574 |
| NHS Households | 8 | 7 |
| Individuals in NHS households | 14 | 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 | 16143 | 16065 | 78 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Interviewed | 11871 | 11829 | 42 | 73.5 | 73.6 | 53.8 |
| Refusal | 2948 | 2930 | 18 | 18.3 | 18.2 | 23.1 |
| Non contact | 1324 | 1306 | 18 | 8.2 | 8.1 | 23.1 |

*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 | 44964 | 10670 | 34294 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Interviewed | 41323 | 8082 | 33241 | 91.9 | 75.7 | 96.9 |
| Refusal | 2057 | 1242 | 815 | 4.6 | 11.6 | 2.4 |
| Non contact | 1584 | 1346 | 238 | 3.5 | 12.6 | 0.7 |

Notes: Households for which a response is imputed at Waves 2-5 recall are recorded in the above tables as 'interviewed'. In March - May 2005 for the UK, 1799 of the households shown as circumstantial refusals were imputed responses; and 1556 shown as non-contacts were imputed responses.

12.3 Proxy responses - United Kingdom

| | | All responses | Proxy | % |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|----------------------|--------------|----------|
| Age | Total 16+ | 97151 | 32021 | 33 |
| | 16-17 | 3339 | 2799 | 84 |
| | 18-19 | 2859 | 1994 | 70 |
| | 20+ | 90953 | 27228 | 30 |
| Sex | Total | 97151 | 32021 | 33 |
| | Male | 45983 | 18262 | 40 |
| | Female | 51168 | 13759 | 27 |
| Ethnicity | Total | 97151 | 32021 | 33 |
| | White | 90286 | 29284 | 32 |
| | N-White | 6816 | 2720 | 40 |
| | Refused | 49 | 17 | 35 |
| Economic Activity (INECAC05) | Total | 97151 | 32021 | 33 |
| | Employees | 49387 | 17128 | 35 |
| | Self Emp | 7280 | 2722 | 37 |
| | Govt sch. | 240 | 138 | 58 |
| | UPFW | 210 | 51 | 24 |
| | ILO Unemp | 2629 | 898 | 34 |
| | Inactive | 37405 | 11084 | 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 | 75.6 |
| Wave 5 | 83.6 |
| Overall | 79.1 |

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 | 308 | 79.5 |
| Rest of North East | 395 | 77.7 |
| Greater Manchester | 665 | 81.4 |
| Merseyside | 356 | 74.7 |
| Rest of North West | 781 | 80.2 |
| South Yorkshire | 338 | 80.8 |
| West Yorkshire | 548 | 80.3 |
| Rest of Yorkshire & The Humber | 431 | 75.2 |
| East Midlands | 1137 | 78.2 |
| West Midlands Metropolitan County | 672 | 72.5 |
| Rest of West Midlands | 724 | 77.2 |
| East of England | 1453 | 70.6 |
| Inner London | 693 | 55.3 |
| Outer London | 1161 | 64.8 |
| South East | 2123 | 74.4 |
| South West | 1332 | 73.6 |
| Wales | 785 | 78.5 |
| Strathclyde | 603 | 76.9 |
| Rest of Scotland | 811 | 76.4 |
| Northern Ireland | 828 | 59.7 |
| England | 13117 | 73.8 |
| Scotland | 1414 | 76.7 |
| Great Britain | 15316 | 74.3 |
| United Kingdom | 16144 | 73.5 |