



**PERFORMANCE AND QUALITY  
MONITORING REPORT**  
December 2004 - February 2005  
**Quarter**

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## LABOUR FORCE SURVEY

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December 2004 - February 2005

#### 1 Delivery dates of data to LMD

In the quarter, December 2004 - February 2005, the dates for delivery of data files to LMD are as follows:

##### 1.1 Client file: UK data

Scheduled delivery date for file: March 22, 2005

Achieved delivery date for file: March 22, 2005

##### 1.2 Data file for other users

Scheduled availability date for public user files: April 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: April 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: March 23, 2005

Achieved delivery date: March 23, 2005

## 2 Sample size: Great Britain

Achieved number:

	<b>Includes imputed</b>	<b>Excludes imputed</b>
Private Households	51,662	48,903
Individuals in private households	119,640	112,261
NHS Households	12	9
Individuals in NHS households	14	11

### 3 Overall Response rates

#### 3.1 Great Britain

<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	15284	15206	78	100.0	100.0	100.0
Interviewed	11194	11150	44	73.2	73.3	56.4
Refusal	3113	3090	23	20.4	20.3	29.5
Non contact	977	966	11	6.4	6.4	14.1

\*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	43747	9008	34739	100.0	100.0	100.0
Interviewed	40480	6686	33794	92.5	74.2	97.3
Refusal	1916	1198	718	4.4	13.3	2.1
Non contact	1351	1124	227	3.1	12.5	0.7

Notes: Households for which a response is imputed at Waves 2-5 recall are recorded in the above tables as 'interviewed'. In December 2004 - February 2005, for GB 1524 households shown as circumstantial refusals were imputed responses; and 1238 households shown as non-contacts were imputed responses.

#### 3.2 Greater London

<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	1810	1810	0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Interviewed	1123	1123	0	62.0	62.0	0.0
Refusal	410	410	0	22.7	22.7	0.0
Non contact	277	277	0	15.3	15.3	0.0

<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	5263	2065	3198	100.0	100.0	100.0
Interviewed	4445	1374	3071	84.5	66.5	96.0
Refusal	350	260	90	6.7	12.6	2.8
Non contact	468	431	37	8.9	20.9	1.2

Notes: Households for which a response is imputed at Waves 2-5 recall are recorded in the above tables as 'interviewed'. In December 2004 - February 2005, for London 184 households shown as circumstantial refusals were imputed responses; and 215 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 2852 households, or 4.8% 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	21	100.0
Interviewed (full/part)	12	57.1
Refusal	2	9.5
Non contact	7	33.3

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	119668	43	0.04
Whether ever had paid job	EVERWK	38608	19	0.05
Industry	INDM92M	55914	39	0.07
Occupation	SOC2KM	55914	31	0.06
Supervisor	SUPVIS	61855	61	0.10
Management level	MANAGER	48410	46	0.10
Employees at establishment	MPNE02	62224	648	1.04
Self-employed on own or with employees	SOLOR	7139	2	0.03
Full or part time work	FTPTWK	69689	16	0.02
Whether job permanent	JOBTYP	48529	12	0.02
Whether off sick in reference week	ILLWK	55902	0	0.00
Whether ever do overtime	EVEROT	55689	68	0.12
Total usual hours (never do overtime)	TOTUS1	34426	738	2.14
Usual hours (excluding overtime)	USUHR	21408	200	0.93
Total hours actually worked in reference week (no overtime)	TOTAC1	30721	522	1.70
Actual hours (excluding overtime)	ACTHR	19381	175	0.90
Whether had second job	SECJOB	55688	17	0.03
Whether looking for different or additional	DIFJOB	55702	23	0.04
Education and training in last 4 weeks - in employment	ED4WK	15861	53	0.33
Education and training in last 4 weeks- not in employment	FUTUR4	2364	2	0.08
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+)	94596	31340	34
	16-17	3260	2742	85
	18-19	2677	1860	70
	20+	88659	26738	31
<b>Sex</b>	Total	94596	31340	34
	Male	44847	17721	40
	Female	49749	13619	28
<b>Ethnicity</b>	Total	94596	31340	34
	White	87869	28624	33
	N-White	6682	2694	40
	Refused	45	22	49
<b>Economic activity (INECACR)</b>	Total	94596	31340	34
	Employees	48529	17034	36
	Self Emp	7043	2597	38
	Govt sch.	228	117	55
	UPFW	213	65	30
	ILO Unemp	2623	963	37
	Inactive	35960	10564	30



## 8.2 London

		<b>All responses</b>	<b>Proxy</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Age</b>	Total (16+)	9912	3321	34
	16-17	311	246	79
	18-19	268	187	70
	20+	9333	2888	31
<b>Sex</b>	Total	9912	3321	34
	Male	4628	1705	37
	Female	5284	1616	31
<b>Ethnicity</b>	Total	9912	3321	34
	White	6994	2138	31
	N-White	2905	1175	40
	Refused	13	8	62
<b>Economic activity (INECACR)</b>	Total	9912	3321	34
	Employees	4831	1589	33
	Self Emp	827	266	32
	Govt sch.	24	14	58
	UPFW	25	10	40
	ILO Unemp	421	144	34
	Inactive	3784	1298	34

## **9 Commentary section**

### **9.1 The sample**

9.1.1 The reference period covered by the Fourth quarter of the 2004 LFS was from Monday, December 4, 2004 to Sunday, March 6, 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 significant changes to the core questionnaire in December - February.

### **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 22nd, 2004).

### **9.4 Response rates**

Response rates in December - February, in general, were down on those of September - November. The wave 1 response rate was 72.9%, a decrease of 1.4 percentage points on the previous quarter; the wave 2-5 response rate was 92.3% a rise of 0.9 percentage points on the previous quarter. The wave 1 response rate for London went down by 2.9 percentage points to 62%. The response rate for NHS accommodation decreased by 4.4 percentage points to 57.1%. This may be related to the small NHS sample size. The response rate in Northern Ireland decreased from 63.2% to 63.0%.

### **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	75.7
Wave 5	86.3
Overall	80.4

## 10 Target Response Rates

The table shows the target response rates given in the Service Level Agreement and those achieved in December 2004 - February 2005:

	<b>Target %</b>	<b>Achieved %</b>
Overall Response Rate - Wave 1	84	73.2
Overall Response Rate - Waves 2-51	96	92.5
Response Rate in Greater London - Wave 1	76	62.0
Response Rate in Greater London - Waves 2-51	93	84.5
Response Rate for NHS Hospital Accommodation	84	57.1
Response Rate for Income Section2	90	86.3

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

	<b>Response Rate %</b>	<b>% of cases done face-to- face</b>	<b>% of cases done by telephone</b>
Wave 1	73	100	0
Wave 2	64	24	76
Wave 3	62	17	83
Wave 4	59	16	84
Wave 5	58	13	87

## 12 United Kingdom sample size and response rates

### 12.1 Sample size

Achieved number:

	<b>Includes imputed</b>	<b>Excludes imputed</b>
Private Households	53617	50790
Individuals in private households	124655	117077
NHS Households	12	9
Individuals in NHS households	14	11

### 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	15865	15787	78	100.0	100.0	100.0
Interviewed	11560	11516	44	72.9	72.9	56.4
Refusal	3214	3191	23	20.3	20.2	29.5
Non contact	1091	1080	11	6.9	6.8	14.1

\*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	45603	10864	34739	100.0	100.0	100.0
Interviewed	42069	8275	33794	92.3	76.2	97.3
Refusal	1998	1280	718	4.4	11.8	2.1
Non contact	1536	1309	227	3.4	12.0	0.7

Notes: Households for which a response is imputed at Waves 2-5 recall are recorded in the above tables as 'interviewed'. In December 2004 - February 2005 for the UK, 1538 of the households shown as circumstantial refusals were imputed responses; and 1292 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+	98428	33007	34
	16-17	3435	2914	85
	18-19	2810	1977	70
	20+	92183	28116	31
<b>Sex</b>	Total	98428	33007	34
	Male	46647	18733	40
	Female	51781	14274	28
<b>Ethnicity</b>	Total	98428	33007	34
	White	91685	30286	33
	N-White	6698	2699	40
	Refused	45	22	49
<b>Economic Activity (INECACR)</b>	Total	98428	33007	34
	Employees	50259	17845	36
	Self Emp	7386	2793	38
	Govt sch.	256	140	55
	UPFW	228	68	30
	ILO Unemp	2725	1001	37
	Inactive	37574	11160	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	75.8
Wave 5	84.8
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 n</b>	<b>Response Rate %</b>
Tyne & Wear	296	76.4
Rest of North East	395	77.2
Greater Manchester	653	80.1
Merseyside	365	74.2
Rest of North West	765	79.7
South Yorkshire	346	80.6
West Yorkshire	554	73.5
Rest of Yorkshire & The Humber	441	73.7
East Midlands	1146	74.5
West Midlands Metropolitan County	670	70.1
Rest of West Midlands	724	79.1
East of England	1455	72.9
Inner London	687	56.9
Outer London	1123	65.2
South East	2137	72.3
South West	1327	71.0
Wales	790	77.5
Strathclyde	608	75.2
Rest of Scotland	802	76.2
Northern Ireland	581	63.0
England	13084	72.7
Scotland	1410	75.7
Great Britain	15284	73.2
United Kingdom	15865	72.9