



**PERFORMANCE AND QUALITY
MONITORING REPORT**
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Quarter

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1 Delivery dates of data to LMD

In the quarter, June - August 2004, the dates for delivery of data files to LMD are as follows:

1.1 Client file: UK data

Scheduled delivery date for file: September 22, 2004

Achieved delivery date for file: September 22, 2004

1.2 Data file for other users

Scheduled availability date for public user files: October 13, 2004

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: October 13, 2004

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 23, 2004

Achieved delivery date: September 23, 2004

2 Sample size: Great Britain

Achieved number:

	Includes imputed	Excludes imputed
Private Households	51,433	48,790
Individuals in private households	118,775	111,585
NHS Households	20	19
Individuals in NHS households	29	28

3 Overall Response rates

3.1 Great Britain

Wave 1	Numbers			Percentages		
	Total	Face-to-face	*Telephone	Total	Face-to-face	Telephone
Eligible	15352	15276	76	100.0	100.0	100.0
Interviewed	11070	11032	38	72.1	72.2	50.0
Refusal	2780	2758	22	18.1	18.1	28.9
Non contact	1502	1486	16	9.8	9.7	21.1

*Interviews North of the Caledonian Canal

Waves 2-5	Numbers			Percentages		
	Total	Face-to-face	Telephone	Total	Face-to-face	Telephone
Eligible	44258	9573	34685	100.0	100.0	100.0
Interviewed	40383	6741	33642	91.2	70.4	97.0
Refusal	2058	1305	753	4.7	13.6	2.2
Non contact	1817	1527	290	4.1	16.0	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 2004, for GB 1258 households shown as circumstantial refusals were imputed responses; and 1386 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	1875	1875	0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Interviewed	1156	1156	0	61.7	61.7	0.0
Refusal	349	349	0	18.6	18.6	0.0
Non contact	370	370	0	19.7	19.7	0.0

Waves 2-5	Numbers			Percentages		
	Total	Face-to-face	Telephone	Total	Face-to-face	Telephone
Eligible	5342	2073	3269	100.0	100.0	100.0
Interviewed	4423	1293	3130	82.8	62.4	95.7
Refusal	375	284	91	7.0	13.7	2.8
Non contact	544	496	48	10.2	23.9	1.5

Notes: Households for which a response is imputed at Waves 2-5 recall are recorded in the above tables as 'interviewed'. In June - August 2004, for London 189 households shown as circumstantial refusals were imputed responses; and 256 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 2863 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	25	100.0
Interviewed (full/part)	20	80.0
Refusal	1	4.0
Non contact	4	16.0

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

6 Question-specific response rates

	Variable	Eligible	No Answer	%
Ethnicity	Eth01	118833	56	0.05
Whether ever had paid job	EVERWK	38813	15	0.04
Industry	INDM92M	54899	23	0.04
Occupation	SOC2KM	54899	19	0.03
Supervisor	SUPVIS	60802	70	0.12
Management level	MANAGE	47565	45	0.09
Employees at establishment	MPNE02	61134	609	1.00
Self-employed on own or with employees	SOLO	7014	1	0.01
Full or part time work	FTPTWK	69038	23	0.03
Whether job permanent	JOBTYP	47563	18	0.04
Whether off sick in reference week	ILLWK	54879	0	0.00
Whether ever do overtime	EVEROT	54702	57	0.10
Total usual hours (never do overtime)	TOTUS1	33171	746	2.25
Usual hours (excluding overtime)	USUHR	21651	173	0.80
Total hours actually worked in reference week (no overtime)	TOTAC1	28949	547	1.89
Actual hours (excluding overtime)	ACTHR	18874	166	0.88
Whether had second job	SECJOB	54701	12	0.02
Whether looking for different or additional	DIFJOB	54714	17	0.03
Education and training in last 4 weeks - in employment	ED4WK	14973	50	0.33
Education and training in last 4 weeks- not in employment	FUTUR4	2008	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

		All responses	Proxy	%
Age	Total (16+)	93777	30635	33
	16-17	3248	2706	84
	18-19	2707	1811	68
	20+	87822	26118	30
Sex	Total	93777	30635	33
	Male	44328	17476	40
	Female	49449	13159	27
Ethnicity	Total	93777	30635	33
	White	87242	28027	33
	N-White	6489	2588	40
	Refused	46	20	43
Economic activity (INECACR)	Total	93777	30635	33
	Employees	47566	16397	35
	Self Emp	7014	2658	39
	Govt sch.	230	115	52
	UPFW	177	48	29
	ILO Unemp	2706	1060	39
	Inactive	36084	10357	29

8.2 London

		All responses	Proxy	%
Age	Total (16+)	9865	3227	33
	16-17	317	259	82
	18-19	290	191	66
	20+	9258	2777	30
Sex	Total	9865	3227	33
	Male	4587	1694	37
	Female	5278	1533	29
Ethnicity	Total	9865	3227	33
	White	6970	2088	30
	N-White	2884	1133	39
	Refused	11	6	55
Economic activity (INECACR)	Total	9865	3227	33
	Employees	4716	1497	32
	Self Emp	830	276	33
	Govt sch.	33	8	24
	UPFW	20	4	20
	ILO Unemp	435	173	40
	Inactive	3831	1269	33

9 Commentary section

9.1 The sample

9.1.1 The reference period covered by the second quarter of the 2004 LFS was from Monday, May 31, 2004 to Sunday, August 29, 2004. 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 June - August.

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 22nd, 2004).

9.4 Response rates

Response rates in June August were slightly down on those of March - May. The wave 1 response rate was 72.1%, a decrease of 1 percentage points on the previous quarter; the wave 2-5 response rate was 91.2% a fall of 1.3 percentage points on the previous quarter. The wave 1 response rate for London went up slightly by 0.7 percentage points to 61.7%. The response rate for NHS accommodation increased by over 2 percentage points to 80%. The response rate in Northern Ireland decreased from 69% to 67.2%.

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	77.7
Wave 5	87.4
Overall	82.0

10 Target Response Rates

The table shows the target response rates given in the Service Level Agreement and those achieved in June - August 2004:

	Target %	Achieved %
Overall Response Rate - Wave 1	84	72.1
Overall Response Rate - Waves 2-51	96	91.2
Response Rate in Greater London - Wave 1	76	61.7
Response Rate in Greater London - Waves 2-51	93	82.8
Response Rate for NHS Hospital Accommodation	84	80.0
Response Rate for Income Section2	90	87.4

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	64	24	76
Wave 3	62	17	83
Wave 4	58	14	86
Wave 5	58	14	86

12 United Kingdom sample size and response rates

12.1 Sample size

Achieved number:

	Includes imputed	Excludes imputed
Private Households	53527	50775
Individuals in private households	124125	116649
NHS Households	20	19
Individuals in NHS households	29	28

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	15937	15861	76	100.0	100.0	100.0
Interviewed	11463	11425	38	71.9	72.0	50.0
Refusal	2872	2850	22	18.0	18.0	28.9
Non contact	1602	1586	16	10.1	10.0	21.1

*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	46180	11495	34685	100.0	100.0	100.0
Interviewed	42084	8442	33642	91.1	73.4	97.0
Refusal	2121	1368	753	4.6	11.9	2.2
Non contact	1975	1685	290	4.3	14.7	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 2004 for the UK, 1263 of the households shown as circumstantial refusals were imputed responses; and 1490 shown as non-contacts were imputed responses.

12.3 Proxy responses - United Kingdom

		All responses	Proxy	%
Age	Total 16+	97883	32427	33
	16-17	3441	2885	84
	18-19	2860	1953	68
	20+	91582	27589	30
Sex	Total	97883	32427	33
	Male	46245	18565	40
	Female	51638	13862	27
Ethnicity	Total	97883	32427	33
	White	91317	29807	33
	N-White	6520	2600	40
	Refused	46	20	43
Economic Activity (INECACR)	Total	97883	32427	33
	Employees	49375	17262	35
	Self Emp	7366	2846	39
	Govt sch.	261	137	52
	UPFW	190	55	29
	ILO Unemp	2814	1106	39
	Inactive	37877	11021	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	77.7
Wave 5	86.1
Overall	81.5

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	299	77.6
Rest of North East	391	73.9
Greater Manchester	646	79.3
Merseyside	352	74.1
Rest of North West	768	78.0
South Yorkshire	347	78.4
West Yorkshire	565	78.2
Rest of Yorkshire & The Humber	429	78.8
East Midlands	1119	71.5
West Midlands Metropolitan County	658	66.1
Rest of West Midlands	726	68.3
East of England	1461	71.9
Inner London	711	56.3
Outer London	1164	64.9
South East	2147	69.5
South West	1351	72.4
Wales	781	79.6
Strathclyde	613	75.0
Rest of Scotland	824	76.9
Northern Ireland	585	67.2
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England	13134	71.2
Scotland	1437	76.1
Great Britain	15352	72.1
United Kingdom	15937	71.9