



**PERFORMANCE AND QUALITY
MONITORING REPORT**

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Quarter

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1 Delivery dates of data to LMD

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

1.1 Client file: UK data

Scheduled delivery date for file: June 23, 2004

Achieved delivery date for file: June 23, 2004

1.2 Data file for other users

Scheduled availability date for public user files: July 14, 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: July 14, 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: June 24, 2004

Achieved delivery date: June 24, 2004

2 Sample size: Great Britain

Achieved number:

	Includes imputed	Excludes imputed
Private Households	52,105	49,286
Individuals in private households	120,104	112,143
NHS Households	21	17
Individuals in NHS households	31	25

3 Overall Response rates

3.1 Great Britain

Wave 1	Numbers			Percentages		
	Total	face-to-face	*Telephone	Total	face-to-face	Telephone
Eligible	15424	15347	77	100.0	100.0	100.0
Interviewed	11303	11256	47	73.3	73.3	61.0
Refusal	2740	2719	21	17.8	17.7	27.3
Non contact	1381	1372	9	9.0	8.9	11.7

*Interviews North of the Caledonian Canal

Waves 2-5	Numbers			Percentages		
	Total	face-to-face	Telephone	Total	face-to-face	Telephone
Eligible	44462	9016	35446	100.0	100.0	100.0
Interviewed	40823	6428	34395	91.8	71.3	97.0
Refusal	2005	1256	749	4.5	13.9	2.1
Non contact	1634	1332	302	3.7	14.8	0.9

Notes: Households for which a response is imputed at Waves 2-5 recall are recorded in the above tables as 'interviewed'. In March - May 2004, for GB 1374 households shown as circumstantial refusals were imputed responses; and 1449 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	1892	1892	0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Interviewed	1154	1154	0	61.0	61.0	0.0
Refusal	390	390	0	20.6	20.6	0.0
Non contact	348	348	0	18.4	18.4	0.0

Waves 2-5	Numbers			Percentages		
	Total	face-to-face	Telephone	Total	face-to-face	Telephone
Eligible	5381	1949	3432	100.0	100.0	100.0
Interviewed	4537	1252	3285	84.3	64.2	95.7
Refusal	357	252	105	6.6	12.9	3.1
Non contact	487	445	42	9.1	22.8	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 2004, for London 203 households shown as circumstantial refusals were imputed responses; and 239 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 3323 households, or 5.5% 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	27	100.0
Interviewed (full/part)	21	77.8
Refusal	2	7.4
Non contact	4	14.8

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

6 Question-specific response rates

	Variable	Eligible	No Answer	%
Ethnicity	Eth01	120166	54	0.04
Whether ever had paid job	EVERWK	39197	15	0.04
Industry	INDM92M	55497	27	0.05
Occupation	SOC2KM	55497	21	0.04
Supervisor	SUPVIS	64443	91	0.14
Management level	MANAGE	64443	74	0.11
Employees at establishment	MPNE02	64206	0	0.00
Self-employed on own or with employees	SOLO	9180	1	0.01
Full or part time work	FTPTWK	69521	30	0.04
Whether job permanent	JOBTYP	48037	16	0.03
Whether off sick in reference week	ILLWK	55479	0	0.00
Whether ever do overtime	EVEROT	55279	65	0.12
Total usual hours (never do overtime)	TOTUS1	32881	739	2.25
Usual hours (excluding overtime)	USUHR	22534	185	0.82
Total hours actually worked in reference week (no overtime)	TOTAC1	30180	586	1.94
Actual hours (excluding overtime)	ACTHR	20847	172	0.83
Whether had second job	SECJOB	55274	17	0.03
Whether looking for different or additional	DIFJOB	55292	31	0.06
Education and training in last 4 weeks - in employment	ED4WK	15462	51	0.33
Education and training in last 4 weeks- not in employment	FUTUR4	2250	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 v
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+)	97783	32523	32
	16-17	3310	2678	81
	18-19	2915	1916	65
	20+	91558	27929	29
Sex	Total	97783	32523	32
	Male	46593	18839	39
	Female	51190	13684	25
Ethnicity	Total	97783	32523	32
	White	88199	27221	31
	N-White	6510	2516	39
	Refused	3074	2786	28
Economic activity (INECACR)	Total	94757	29754	32
	Employees	48037	15881	34
	Self Emp	7109	2556	37
	Govt sch.	236	112	51
	UPFW	201	36	19
	ILO Unemp	2614	860	33
	Inactive	36560	10309	29

8.2 London

		All responses	Proxy	%
Age	Total (16+)	10706	3743	35
	16-17	350	280	80
	18-19	319	209	66
	20+	10037	3254	32
Sex	Total	10706	3743	35
	Male	5049	2013	40
	Female	5657	1730	31
Ethnicity	Total	10106	3184	32
	White	7235	2116	29
	N-White	2864	1065	37
	Refused	7	3	43
Economic activity (INECACR)	Total	10107	3184	32
	Employees	4908	1509	31
	Self Emp	877	284	32
	Govt sch.	29	8	28
	UPFW	21	1	5
	ILO Unemp	394	123	31
	Inactive	3878	1259	32

9 Commentary section

9.1 The sample

9.1.1 The reference period covered by the first quarter of the 2004 LFS was from Monday, March 1, 2004 to Sunday, May 30, 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 March - May. A number of the questions on Qualifications were updated.

9.2.2 The March - May 2004 questionnaire saw the inclusion of the Eurostat ad-hoc module on Employment Patterns.

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 23rd, 2004).

9.4 Response rates

Response rates in March - May were slightly down on those of December - February. The wave 1 response rate was 73.1%, a decrease of 0.8 percentage points on the previous quarter; the wave 2-5 response rate was 92.5% a fall of 0.4 percentage points on the previous quarter. The wave 1 response rate for London dropped 3.0 percentage point to 61%. The response rate for NHS accommodation increased by nearly 6 percentage points to 77.8%. The response rate in Northern Ireland increased from 67.6% to 69%.

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	77.1
Wave 5	87.6
Overall	81.8

10 Target Response Rates

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

	Target %	Achieved %
Overall Response Rate - Wave 1	84	73.3
Overall Response Rate - Waves 2-51	96	91.8
Response Rate in Greater London - Wave 1	76	61.0
Response Rate in Greater London - Waves 2-51	93	84.3
Response Rate for NHS Hospital Accommodation	84	77.8
Response Rate for Income Section2	90	87.6

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	73	100	0
Wave 2	64	22	78
Wave 3	62	15	85
Wave 4	60	14	86
Wave 5	59	12	88

12 United Kingdom sample size and response rates

12.1 Sample size

Achieved number:

	Includes imputed	Excludes imputed
Private Households	54205	51276
Individuals in private households	125579	117311
NHS Households	21	17
Individuals in NHS households	31	25

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	16228	16151	77	100.0	100.0	100.0
Interviewed	11858	11811	47	73.1	73.1	61.0
Refusal	2871	2850	21	17.7	17.6	27.3
Non contact	1499	1490	9	9.2	9.2	11.7

*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	46223	10777	35446	100.0	100.0	100.0
Interviewed	42368	7973	34395	91.7	74.0	97.0
Refusal	2076	1327	749	4.5	12.3	2.1
Non contact	1779	1477	302	3.8	13.7	0.9

Notes: Households for which a response is imputed at Waves 2-5 recall are recorded in the above tables as 'interviewed'. In March - May 2004 for the UK, 1380 of the households shown as circumstantial refusals were imputed responses; and 1553 shown as non-contacts were imputed responses.

12.3 Proxy responses - United Kingdom

		All responses	Proxy	%
Age	Total 16+	98888	31549	32
	16-17	3383	2747	81
	18-19	2875	1873	65
	20+	92630	26929	29
Sex	Total	98888	31549	32
	Male	46726	18270	39
	Female	52162	13279	25
Ethnicity	Total	98876	31542	32
	White	92300	29002	31
	N-White	6540	2530	39
	Refused	36	10	28
Economic Activity (INECACR)	Total	98888	31549	32
	Employees	49855	16753	34
	Self Emp	7460	2751	37
	Govt sch.	268	136	51
	UPFW	216	42	19
	ILO Unemp	2719	910	33
	Inactive	38370	10957	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	77.1
Wave 5	86.3
Overall	81.3

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	302	75.8
Rest of North East	396	76.8
Greater Manchester	663	83.6
Merseyside	357	83.8
Rest of North West	774	80.1
South Yorkshire	340	78.5
West Yorkshire	572	83.7
Rest of Yorkshire & The Humber	440	75.7
East Midlands	1124	71.6
West Midlands Metropolitan County	673	68.6
Rest of West Midlands	718	74.1
East of England	1446	71.6
Inner London	748	57.0
Outer London	1144	63.6
South East	2154	70.6
South West	1375	70.8
Wales	779	80.1
Strathclyde	616	79.2
Rest of Scotland	803	78.3
Northern Ireland	804	69.0
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England	13226	72.3
Scotland	1419	78.7
Great Britain	15424	73.3
United Kingdom	16228	73.1