



**PERFORMANCE AND QUALITY
MONITORING REPORT**
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1 Delivery dates of data to LMD

In the quarter, September-November 2003, the dates for delivery of data files to LMD are as follows:

1.1 Client file: UK data

Scheduled delivery date for file: December 16, 2003

Achieved delivery date for file: December 16, 2003

1.2 Data file for other users

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

to:

Web Service:	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: January 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: December 16, 2003

Achieved delivery date: December 16, 2003

2 Sample size: Great Britain

Achieved number:

	Includes imputed	Excludes imputed
Private Households	54,829	52,521
Individuals in private households	123,005	116,708
NHS Households	19	19
Individuals in NHS households	26	25

3 Overall Response rates

3.1 Great Britain

Wave 1	Numbers			Percentages		
	Total	Face-to-face	*Telephone	Total	Face-to-face	Telephone
Eligible	15264	15190	74	100.0	100.0	100.0
Interviewed	11582	11539	43	75.9	76.0	58.1
Refusal	2645	2630	15	17.3	17.3	20.3
Non contact	1037	1021	16	6.8	6.7	21.6

*Interviews North of the Caledonian Canal

Waves 2-5	Numbers			Percentages		
	Total	Face-to-face	Telephone	Total	Face-to-face	Telephone
Eligible	46555	10988	35567	100.0	100.0	100.0
Interviewed	43266	8584	34682	92.9	78.1	97.5
Refusal	1945	1246	699	4.2	11.3	2.0
Non contact	1344	1158	186	2.9	10.5	0.5

Notes: Households for which a response is imputed at Waves 2-5 recall are recorded in the above tables as 'interviewed'. In September-November 2003, for GB 1201 households shown as circumstantial refusals were imputed responses; and 1107 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	1839	1839	0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Interviewed	1231	1231	0	66.9	66.9	0.0
Refusal	359	359	0	19.5	19.5	0.0
Non contact	249	249	0	13.5	13.5	0.0

Waves 2-5	Numbers			Percentages		
	Total	Face-to-face	Telephone	Total	Face-to-face	Telephone
Eligible	5370	2022	3348	100.0	100.0	100.0
Interviewed	4621	1367	3254	86.1	67.6	97.2
Refusal	332	263	69	6.2	13.0	2.1
Non contact	417	392	25	7.8	19.4	0.7

Notes: Households for which a response is imputed at Waves 2-5 recall are recorded in the above tables as 'interviewed'. In September-November 2003, for London 168 households shown as circumstantial refusals were imputed responses; and 205 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 3299 households, or 5.3% 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	26	100.0
Interviewed (full/part)	19	73.1
Refusal	1	3.8
Non contact	6	23.1

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

6 Question-specific response rates

	Variable	Eligible	No Answer	%
Ethnicity	Eth01	123057	79	0.06
Whether ever had paid job	EVERWK	39757	7	0.02
Industry	INDM92M	57004	27	0.05
Occupation	SOC2KM	56824	33	0.06
Supervisor	SUPVIS	65671	80	0.12
Management level	MANAGE	65670	72	0.11
Employees at establishment	MPNE01	65421	0	0.00
Self-employed on own or with employees	SOLO	9288	4	0.04
Full or part time work	FTPTWK	72064	33	0.05
Whether job permanent	JOBTYP	49299	27	0.05
Whether off sick in reference week	ILLWK	56991	0	0.00
Whether ever do overtime	EVEROT	56774	82	0.14
Total usual hours (never do overtime)	TOTUS1	34010	731	2.15
Usual hours (excluding overtime)	USUHR	22899	175	0.76
Total hours actually worked in reference week (no overtime)	TOTAC1	30859	560	1.81
Actual hours (excluding overtime)	ACTHR	20925	167	0.80
Whether had second job	SECJOB	56772	32	0.06
Whether looking for different or additional	DIFJOB	56787	35	0.06
Education and training in last 4 weeks - in employment	ED4WK	15738	53	0.34
Education and training in last 4 weeks- not in employment	FUTUR4	2324	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:

HHA	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
SCHM99	Whether respondent on a government scheme in the reference week
NEWDEAL	For those respondents on New Deal, the type of option in which they were participating
TECLEC	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+)	96817	30811	32
	16-17	3206	2574	81
	16-19	2854	1825	65
	20+	90757	26412	30
Sex	Total	96817	30811	32
	Male	45851	17792	40
	Female	50966	13019	26
Ethnicity	Total	96817	30811	32
	White	90262	28238	32
	N-White	6516	2561	39
	Refused	39	12	24
Economic activity (INECACA)	Total	96817	30811	32
	Employees	49618	16844	35
	Self Emp	7036	2542	37
	Govt sch.	196	103	56
	UPFW	217	54	24
	ILO Unemp	2870	980	35
	Inactive	36880	10288	28

8.2 London

		All responses	Proxy	%
Age	Total (16+)	10333	3278	32
	16-17	328	266	81
	18-19	349	226	65
	20+	9656	2786	29
Sex	Total	10333	3278	32
	Male	4825	1711	35
	Female	5508	1567	28
Ethnicity	Total	10331	3276	32
	White	7450	2204	30
	N-White	2873	1068	37
	Refused	8	4	50
Economic activity	Total	10333	3278	32
	Employees	5048	1588	31
	Self Emp	907	291	32
	Govt sch.	17	4	24
	UPFW	25	6	24
	ILO Unemp	465	154	33
	Inactive	3871	1235	32

9 Commentary section

9.1 The sample

9.1.1 The reference period covered by the third quarter of the 2003 LFS was from Monday, August 31, 2003 to Sunday, November 29, 2003. 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 September-November.

9.2.2 The September-November 2003 questionnaire saw no new additions.

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 (December 16, 2003).

9.4 Response rates

Response rates in September-November were slightly down on those of June to August. The wave 1 response rate was 75.9%, an decrease of 0.1 percentage points on the previous quarter; the wave 2-5 response rate was 92.9% a fall of 0.1 percentage points on the previous quarter. The wave 1 response rate for London rose 0.8 percentage point to 66.9%. The response rate for NHS accommodation rose 10.6 percentage points to 73.1%. The response rate in Northern Ireland rose from 66.0% to 66.8%.

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	87.8
Overall	81.8

10 Target Response Rates

The table shows the target response rates given in the Service Level Agreement and those achieved in September-November 2003:

	Target % achieved %	
Overall Response Rate - Wave 1	84	75.9
Overall Response Rate - Waves 2-5 ¹	96	92.9
Response Rate in Greater London - Wave 1	76	66.9
Response Rate in Greater London - Waves 2-5 ¹	93	86.1
Response Rate for NHS Hospital Accommodation	84	73.1
Response Rate for Income Section ²	90	87.8

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	% of cases
	%	done face-to-	done by
		face	telephone
Wave 1	76	100	0
Wave 2	68	23	77
Wave 3	64	16	84
Wave 4	61	15	85
Wave 5	61	13	87

12 United Kingdom sample size and response rates

12.1 Sample size

Achieved number:

	Includes imputed	Excludes imputed
Private Households	56797	54409
Individuals in private households	128157	121632
NHS Households	19	19
Individuals in NHS households	26	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	15834	15760	74	100.0	100.0	100.0
Interviewed	11963	11920	43	75.6	75.6	58.1
Refusal	2745	2730	15	17.3	17.3	20.3
Non contact	1126	1110	16	7.1	7.0	21.6

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Waves 2-5	<i>Numbers</i>			<i>Percentages</i>		
	Total	Face-to-face	Telephone	Total	Face-to-face	Telephone
Eligible	48387	12820	35567	100.0	100.0	100.0
Interviewed	44853	10171	34682	92.7	79.3	97.5
Refusal	2024	1325	699	4.2	10.3	2.0
Non contact	1510	1324	186	3.1	10.3	0.5

Notes: Households for which a response is imputed at Waves 2-5 recall are recorded in the above tables as 'interviewed'. In September-November 2003 for the UK, 1217 of the households shown as circumstantial refusals were imputed responses; and 1171 shown as non-contacts were imputed responses.

12.3 Proxy responses - United Kingdom

		All responses	Proxy	%
Age	Total 16+	100724	32551	32
	16-17	3395	2752	81
	18-19	3009	1956	65
	20+	94320	27843	30
Sex	Total	100724	32551	32
	Male	47685	18861	40
	Female	53039	13690	26
Ethnicity	Total	100718	32547	32
	White	94133	29960	32
	N-White	6552	2579	39
	Refused	33	8	24
Economic Activity (INECACA)	Total	100724	32551	32
	Employees	51408	17739	35
	Self Emp	7328	2699	37
	Govt sch.	234	132	56
	UPFW	229	56	24
	ILO Unemp	3002	1049	35
	Inactive	38523	10876	28

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	86.9
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 <i>n</i>	Response Rate %
Tyne & Wear	294	76.2
Rest of North East	410	83.9
Greater Manchester	651	84.9
Merseyside	360	83.1
Rest of North West	765	84.1
South Yorkshire	340	77.6
West Yorkshire	564	79.1
Rest of Yorkshire & The Humber	418	80.9
East Midlands	1139	74.5
West Midlands Metropolitan County	672	72.6
Rest of West Midlands	729	73.3
East of England	1453	77.2
Inner London	695	60.1
Outer London	1144	71.1
South East	2139	73.9
South West	1351	73.4
Wales	742	82.7
Strathclyde	602	73.3
Rest of Scotland	796	78.3
Northern Ireland	570	66.8
England	13124	75.5
Scotland	1398	76.1
Great Britain	15264	75.9
United Kingdom	15834	75.6

