



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

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

1.1 Client file: UK data

Scheduled delivery date for file: September 18, 2003

Achieved delivery date for file: September 18, 2003

1.2 Data file for other users

Scheduled availability date for public user files: October 14, 2003

to:

SPSSMR:	Superstar, ASCII, Qsetup
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 14, 2003

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 19, 2003

Achieved delivery date: September 22, 2003

2 Sample size: Great Britain

Achieved number:

	Includes imputed	Excludes imputed
Private Households	53,449	50,911
Individuals in private households	123,137	116,236
NHS Households	15	13
Individuals in NHS households	21	19

3 Overall Response rates

3.1 Great Britain

Wave 1	Numbers			Percentages		
	Total	Face-to-face	*Telephone	Total	Face-to-face	Telephone
Eligible	15297	15222	75	100.0	100.0	100.0
Interviewed	11620	11568	52	76.0	76.0	69.3
Refusal	2512	2495	17	16.4	16.4	22.7
Non contact	1165	1159	6	7.6	7.6	8.0

*Interviews North of the Caledonian Canal

Waves 2-5	Numbers			Percentages		
	Total	Face-to-face	Telephone	Total	Face-to-face	Telephone
Eligible	44987	9093	35894	100.0	100.0	100.0
Interviewed	41844	6838	35006	93.0	75.2	97.5
Refusal	1834	1145	689	4.1	12.6	1.9
Non contact	1309	1110	199	2.9	12.2	0.6

Notes: Households for which a response is imputed at Waves 2-5 recall are recorded in the above tables as 'interviewed'. In June - August 2003, for GB 1368 households shown as circumstantial refusals were imputed responses; and 1172 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	1841	1841	0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Interviewed	1217	1217	0	66.1	66.1	0.0
Refusal	355	355	0	19.3	19.3	0.0
Non contact	269	269	0	14.6	14.6	0.0

Waves 2-5	Numbers			Percentages		
	Total	Face-to-face	Telephone	Total	Face-to-face	Telephone
Eligible	5371	1955	3416	100.0	100.0	100.0
Interviewed	4621	1330	3291	86.0	68.0	96.3
Refusal	353	260	93	6.6	13.3	2.7
Non contact	397	365	32	7.4	18.7	0.9

Notes: Households for which a response is imputed at Waves 2-5 recall are recorded in the above tables as 'interviewed'. In June - August 2003, for London 191 households shown as circumstantial refusals were imputed responses; and 236 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 3240 households, or 5.4% 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	24	100.0
Interviewed (full/part)	15	62.5
Refusal	1	4.2
Non contact	8	33.3

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

6 Question-specific response rates

	Variable	Eligible	No Answer	%
Ethnicity	Eth01	123179	66	0.05
Whether ever had paid job	EVERWK	29694	15	0.05
Industry	INDM92M	57017	26	0.05
Occupation	SOC2KM	6972	0	0.00
Supervisor	SUPVIS	63285	75	0.12
Management level	MANAGE	63285	70	0.11
Employees at establishment	MPNE01	63102	0	0.00
Self-employed on own or with employees	SOLO	8812	6	0.07
Full or part time work	FTPTWK	71883	35	0.05
Whether job permanent	JOBTYP	49378	28	0.06
Whether off sick in reference week	ILLWK	57013	0	0.00
Whether ever do overtime	EVEROT	56802	72	0.13
Total usual hours (never do overtime)	TOTUS1	34371	720	2.14
Usual hours (excluding overtime)	USUHR	23468	178	0.76
Total hours actually worked in reference week (no overtime)	TOTAC1	30224	504	1.70
Actual hours (excluding overtime)	ACTHR	20670	186	0.91
Whether had second job	SECJOB	56802	11	0.02
Whether looking for different or additional	DIFJOB	56805	32	0.06
Education and training in last 4 weeks - in employment	ED4WK	15672	69	0.44
Education and training in last 4 weeks- not in employment	FUTUR4	2139	2	0.09
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+)	96758	30646	32
	16-17	3140	2514	81
	16-19	2842	1767	63
	20+	90776	26365	30
Sex	Total	96758	30646	32
	Male	45754	17853	40
	Female	51004	12793	25
Ethnicity	Total	96758	30646	32
	White	90258	28127	32
	N-White	6445	2497	39
	Refused	55	22	33
Economic activity (INECACA)	Total	96758	30646	32
	Employees	49709	16665	34
	Self Emp	6974	2548	37
	Govt sch.	177	95	58
	UPFW	211	53	25
	ILO Unemp	3017	1093	37
	Inactive	36670	10192	28

8.2 London

		All responses	Proxy	%
Age	Total (16+)	10295	3261	32
	16-17	314	249	79
	18-19	326	207	63
	20+	9655	2805	29
Sex	Total	10295	3261	32
	Male	4806	1679	35
	Female	5489	1582	29
Ethnicity	Total	10294	3260	32
	White	7461	2217	30
	N-White	2823	1038	37
	Refused	10	5	50
Economic activity (INECACA)	Total	10295	3261	32
	Employees	4993	1546	31
	Self Emp	922	303	33
	Govt sch.	17	8	47
	UPFW	25	6	24
	ILO Unemp	488	167	34
	Inactive	3850	1231	32

9 Commentary section

9.1 The sample

9.1.1 The reference period covered by the second quarter of the 2003 LFS was from Monday, June 2, 2003 to Sunday, August 31, 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 June to August.

9.2.2 The June-August 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 (September 18, 2003).

9.4 Response rates

Response rates in June - August 2003 were slightly down on those of March to May. The wave 1 response rate was 76.0%, an decrease of 0.6 percentage points on the previous quarter; the wave 2-5 response rate was 93.0% a fall of 0.2 percentage points on the previous quarter. The wave 1 response rate for London fell 1 percentage point to 66.1%. The response rate for NHS accommodation fell 9.7 percentage points to 62.5%. The response rate in Northern Ireland rose from 57.7% to 66.0%.

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:

Wave	Response rate %
Wave 1	78.7
Wave 5	88.9
Overall	83.3

10 Target Response Rates

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

	Target %	Achieved %
Overall Response Rate - Wave 1	84	76.0
Overall Response Rate - Waves 2-5 ¹	96	93.0
Response Rate in Greater London - Wave 1	76	66.1
Response Rate in Greater London - Waves 2-5 ¹	93	86.0
Response Rate for NHS Hospital Accommodation	84	62.5
Response Rate for Income Section ²	90	88.9

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	67	22	78
Wave 3	64	16	84
Wave 4	61	14	86
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	55424	52793
Individuals in private households	128463	121325
NHS Households	15	13
Individuals in NHS households	21	19

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	15888	15813	75	100.0	100.0	100.0
Interviewed	12010	11958	52	75.6	75.6	69.3
Refusal	2592	2575	17	16.3	16.3	22.7
Non contact	1286	1280	6	8.1	8.1	8.0

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Waves 2-5	<i>Numbers</i>			<i>Percentages</i>		
	Total	Face-to-face	Telephone	Total	Face-to-face	Telephone
Eligible	46827	10933	35894	100.0	100.0	100.0
Interviewed	43429	8423	35006	92.7	77.0	97.5
Refusal	1935	1246	689	4.1	11.4	1.9
Non contact	1463	1264	199	3.1	11.6	0.6

Notes: Households for which a response is imputed at Waves 2-5 recall are recorded in the above tables as 'interviewed'. In June - August 2003 for the UK, 1373 of the households shown as circumstantial refusals were imputed responses; and 1260 shown as non-contacts were imputed responses.

12.3 Proxy responses - United Kingdom

		All responses	Proxy	%
Age	Total 16+	100712	32450	32
	16-17	3334	2696	81
	18-19	3008	1909	63
	20+	94370	27845	30
Sex	Total	100712	32450	32
	Male	47616	18943	40
	Female	53096	13507	25
Ethnicity	Total	100705	32444	32
	White	94179	29910	32
	N-White	6478	2518	39
	Refused	48	16	33
Economic Activity (INECACA)	Total	100712	32450	32
	Employees	51558	17615	34
	Self Emp	7264	2703	37
	Govt sch.	207	120	58
	UPFW	222	55	25
	ILO Unemp	3145	1157	37
	Inactive	38316	10800	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	78.6
Wave 5	88.0
Overall	82.8

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	Response	
	Eligible <i>n</i>	Rate %
Tyne & Wear	300	77.7
Rest of North East	387	75.7
Greater Manchester	647	81.3
Merseyside	349	80.2
Rest of North West	770	81.9
South Yorkshire	348	79.6
West Yorkshire	556	81.1
Rest of Yorkshire & The Humber	439	79.7
East Midlands	1138	75.9
West Midlands Metropolitan County	672	72.5
Rest of West Midlands	721	77.7
East of England	1469	76.3
Inner London	696	63.5
Outer London	1145	67.7
South East	2123	76.3
South West	1367	73.4
Wales	757	79.3
Strathclyde	609	75.2
Rest of Scotland	804	80.7
Northern Ireland	591	66.0
England	13127	75.5
Scotland	1413	78.3
Great Britain	15297	76.0
United Kingdom	15888	75.6