



**LABOUR FORCE SURVEY  
PERFORMANCE AND QUALITY  
MONITORING REPORT**

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**Quarter**

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### 1 Delivery dates of data to LMD

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

#### 1.1 Client file: UK data

Scheduled delivery date for file: March 18, 2003

Achieved delivery date for file: March 19, 2003

#### 1.2 Data file for other users

Scheduled availability date for public user files: April 15, 2003

to:

SPSSMR:	Quanvert, ASCII, Qsetup
ESRC:	SPSS and SIR versions
DfES	SPSS, Quanvert
Employment Policy Institute:	SPSS
DTI:	SPSS
Northern Ireland (DETI):	SPSS, Quanvert
HSE:	SPSS
Home Office:	SPSS, Quanvert
DWP:	SPSS, SAS
Bank of England	SPSS
HMT	SPSS
Scottish Executive	SPSS, SAS
LSC	SPSS
LPC	SPSS

Scheduled availability date for UACounty user files: April 11, 2003

to:

DfES	Quanvert, SPSS
DWP	SAS
DTI:	SPSS
Northern Ireland (DETI):	SPSS
Bank of England	SPSS
Scottish executive	SAS
HM Treasury	SPSS
Inland Revenue	SAS

### 1.3 PQM Report

Scheduled delivery date: March 17, 2003

Achieved delivery date: March 18, 2003

## 2 Sample size: Great Britain

Achieved number:

	<b>Includes imputed</b>	<b>Excludes imputed</b>
Private Households	54,442	52,254
Individuals in private households	126,136	120,328
NHS Households	23	19
Individuals in NHS households	25	21

### 3 Overall Response rates

#### 3.1 Great Britain

Wave 1	Numbers			Percentages		
	Total	Face-to-face	*Telephone	Total	Face-to-face	Telephone
Eligible	15381	15306	75	100.0	100.0	100.0
Interviewed (full/pa	11737	11688	49	76.3	76.4	65.3
Refusal	2526	2509	17	16.4	16.4	22.7
Non contact	1118	1109	9	7.3	7.2	12.0

\*Interviews North of the Caledonian Canal

Waves 2-5	Numbers			Percentages		
	Total	Face-to-face	Telephone	Total	Face-to-face	Telephone
Eligible	45694	9026	36668	100.0	100.0	100.0
Interviewed (full/pa	42728	6893	35835	93.5	76.4	97.7
Refusal	1741	1105	636	3.8	12.2	1.7
Non contact	1225	1028	197	2.7	11.4	0.5

Notes: Households for which a response is imputed at Waves 2-5 recall are recorded in the above tables as 'interviewed'. In December - February 2003, for GB 1064 households shown as circumstantial refusals were imputed responses; and 1128 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	1881	1881	0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Interviewed (full/pa	1201	1201	0	63.8	63.8	0.0
Refusal	366	366	0	19.5	19.5	0.0
Non contact	314	314	0	16.7	16.7	0.0

Waves 2-5	Numbers			Percentages		
	Total	Face-to-face	Telephone	Total	Face-to-face	Telephone
Eligible	5357	1763	3594	100.0	100.0	100.0
Interviewed (full/pa	4726	1250	3476	88.2	70.9	96.7
Refusal	297	212	85	5.5	12.0	2.4
Non contact	334	301	33	6.2	17.1	0.9

Notes: Households for which a response is imputed at Waves 2-5 recall are recorded in the above tables as 'interviewed'. In December - February 2003, for London 154 households shown as circumstantial refusals were imputed responses; and 230 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 2995 households, or 4.9% 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)	23	85.2
Refusal	1	3.7
Non contact	3	11.1

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	126183	46	0.04
Whether ever had paid job	EVERWK	40741	13	0.03
Industry	INDM92M	58227	27	0.05
Occupation	SOC2KM	6752	0	0.00
Supervisor	SUPVIS	65409	71	0.11
Management level	MANAGE	65409	64	0.10
Employees at establishment	MPNE01	65198	0	0.00
Self-employed on own or with employees	SOLO	8607	5	0.06
Full or part time work	FTPTWK	73734	34	0.05
Whether job permanent	JOBTYP	50830	25	0.05
Whether off sick in reference week	ILLWK	58212	0	0.00
Whether ever do overtime	EVEROT	58023	78	0.13
Total usual hours (never do overtime)	TOTUS1	34934	668	1.91
Usual hours (excluding overtime)	USUHR	23990	123	0.51
Total hours actually worked in reference week (no overtime)	TOTAC1	31021	496	1.60
Actual hours (excluding overtime)	ACTHR	21696	148	0.68
Whether had second job	SECJOB	58021	19	0.03
Whether looking for different or additional	DIFJOB	58033	32	0.06
Education and training in last 4 weeks - in employment	ED4WK	16740	62	0.37
Education and training in last 4 weeks- not in employment	FUTUR4	2552	1	0.04
Taught courses in last three years	TAUTQ3	0	0	#DIV/0!
Last three years studied, not as taught course	NTQUL3	0	0	#DIV/0!
Ask health questions or too ill to continue	HPRMB	2184	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	%
<b>Age</b>	Total	99018	31541	32
	16-17	3323	2632	79
	16-19	2834	1809	64
	20+	92861	27100	29
<b>Sex</b>	Total	99018	31541	32
	Male	46972	18205	39
	Female	52046	13336	26
<b>Ethnicity</b>	Total	99018	31541	32
	White	92465	29006	31
	N-White	6514	2523	39
	Refused	39	12	28
<b>Economic activity (INECACA)</b>	Total	99018	31541	32
	Employees	51163	17328	34
	Self Emp	6755	2420	36
	Govt sch.	191	105	55
	UPFW	188	51	27
	ILO Unemp	2978	1005	34
	Inactive	37743	10632	28



## 8.2 London

		<b>All responses</b>	<b>Proxy</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Age</b>	Total	10499	3316	32
	16-17	336	261	78
	18-19	326	212	65
	20+	9837	2843	29
<b>Sex</b>	Total	10499	3316	32
	Male	4920	1727	35
	Female	5579	1589	28
<b>Ethnicity</b>	Total	10499	3316	32
	White	7603	2255	30
	N-White	2890	1061	37
	Refused	6	0	0
<b>Economic activity</b>	Total	10499	3316	32
	Employees	5172	1623	31
	Self Emp	845	273	32
	Govt sch.	15	8	53
	UPFW	20	5	25
	ILO Unemp	445	142	32
	Inactive	4002	1265	32

## **9 Commentary section**

### **9.1 The sample**

9.1.1 The reference period covered by the fourth quarter of the 2002 LFS was from Monday, November 25, 2002 to Sunday, March 23, 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-August.

### **9.3 Delivery and quality of data files**

The Client data file for the quarter for the United Kingdom was delivered on time (September 17, 2002).

### **9.4 Response rates**

Response rates in June-August 2002 were slightly down on those of March-May. The wave 1 response rate was 77.4%, 1.2% down on the previous quarter; the wave 2-5 response rate was 93.5% a fall of 0.6% on the previous quarter. The wave 1 response rate for London fell 1.7% on December-February to 70%. The response rate for NHS accommodation rose 12.5% to 82.1%.

### **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	76.5
Wave 5	89.1
Overall	82.3

## 10 Target Response Rates

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

	<b>Target %</b>	<b>Achieved %</b>
Overall Response Rate - Wave 1	84	76.3
Overall Response Rate - Waves 2-51	96	93.5
Response Rate in Greater London - Wave 1	76	63.8
Response Rate in Greater London - Waves 2-51	93	88.2
Response Rate for NHS Hospital Accommodation	84	85.2
Response Rate for Income Section2	90	89.1

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	76	100	0
Wave 2	68	22	78
Wave 3	65	16	84
Wave 4	64	14	86
Wave 5	63	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	56366	54133
Individuals in private households	126136	120328
NHS Households	23	19
Individuals in NHS households	25	21

### 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	15977	15902	75	100.0	100.0	100.0
Interviewed (full/pa	12110	12061	49	75.8	75.8	65.3
Refusal	2636	2619	17	16.5	16.5	22.7
Non contact	1231	1222	9	7.7	7.7	12.0

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<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	47466	10798	36668	100.0	100.0	100.0
Interviewed (full/pa	44279	8444	35835	93.3	78.2	97.7
Refusal	1829	1193	636	3.9	11.0	1.7
Non contact	1358	1161	197	2.9	10.8	0.5

Notes: Households for which a response is imputed at Waves 2-5 recall are recorded in the above tables as 'interviewed'. In December - February 2003 for the UK, 1068 of the households shown as circumstantial refusals were imputed responses; and 1169 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	99018	31541	32
	16-17	3323	2632	79
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	UPFW	188	51	27
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See section 8.1 for an explanation of the lower total numbers for the Ethnicity question.

### 12.5 UK Income response rates

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Overall	82.3

### 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:

<b>GOR</b>	<b>Eligible n</b>	<b>Response Rate %</b>
Tyne & Wear	301	79.1
Rest of North East	398	80.4
Greater Manchester	660	85.6
Merseyside	362	83.1
Rest of North West	766	86.2
South Yorkshire	344	77.9
West Yorkshire	561	80.6
Rest of Yorkshire & The Humber	441	83.2
East Midlands	1118	75.9
West Midlands Metropolitan County	667	67.8
Rest of West Midlands	706	78.2
East of England	1439	76.2
Inner London	728	56.7
Outer London	1153	68.3
South East	2171	75.3
South West	1350	73.6
Wales	784	82.0
Strathclyde	606	75.9
Rest of Scotland	826	82.8
Northern Ireland	596	62.6
England	13165	75.6
Scotland	1432	79.9
Great Britain	15381	76.3
United Kingdom	15977	75.8