



General Household Survey 2007

Summary of main topics included in GHS questionnaires: 1971 to 2007

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Topic Area	Year included
ACCIDENTS THAT RESULTED IN SEEING A GP OR GOING TO HOSPITAL	1981, 1984 1987-89
ATTENDANCE AT ACTIVITIES ON SCHOOL PREMISES IN LAST 12 MONTHS	1984
BURGLARIES AND THEFTS FROM PRIVATE HOUSEHOLDS	1972-73, 1979-80, 1985-86, 1991, 1993, 1996
BUS TRAVEL	1982
CAR OWNERSHIP	1971-96, 1998, 2000-07
Driving licences and private motoring	1980
CAREER OPPORTUNITIES	1972
CARERS	1985, 1990, 1995, 2000
Carers aged 8-17	1996
CHILD CARE	
Pre-school children (aged under 5)	1971-79, 1986
Children aged 0-11	1991
Children under 14	1998
Children aged 0-12	
ETHNICITY AND COUNTRY OF BIRTH	
Colour, assessment of persons seen*	1971-92
Country of birth:	
of adults and their parents	1971-96, 1998, 2000-07
of children	1979-96, 1998, 2000-07
Year of entry to UK:	
Adults	1971-96, 1998, 2000-07
Children	1979-96, 1998, 2000-07
Ethnic origin	1983-96, 1998, 2000-07
National identity	2001-07
CONSUMER DURABLES	
Possession of various consumer durables	1972-76, 1978-96, 1998, 2000-07
Possession of a telephone	1972-76, 1979-96, 1998, 2000-07
Possession of a mobile telephone:	1992, 2000-07
Access to the Internet	2000-04
CONTRACEPTION AND STERILISATION	

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Whether woman/partner has been sterilised for contraceptive reasons	1983-84, 1986-87, 1989, 1991, 1993, 1995, 1998, 2002
Whether woman/partner has had other sterilising operation	1983-84, 1986-87 1983, 1986, 1989, 1991, 1993, 1995, 1998, 2002
Details of any reversal of sterilisation operations	1983-84, 1986-87 1983, 1986, 1989, 1991, 1993, 1995, 1998, 2002
Current use of contraception/reason for not using contraception	1989, 1991, 1993, 1995, 1998, 2002
Previous usual method of contraception	1989, 1991, 1993, 1995, 1998, 2002
Use of contraception	1989, 1991, 1993, 1995, 1998, 2002
Use of emergency contraception in previous 2 years	1993, 1995, 1998, 2002
Whether woman/partner would have difficulties in having (more) children	1983-84, 1986-87, 1989, 1991, 1993, 1995, 1998, 2002
Reasons for difficulties in getting pregnant and whether consulted a doctor	1983-84, 1986-87, 1989, 1991, 1993, 1995, 1998, 2002
DRINKING	
Rating of drinking behaviour according to quantity-frequency (QF) index based on reported alcohol consumption in the 12 months before interview	1978, 1980, 1982, 1984 1986-98 (alternate yrs), 2000-02
Rating of drinking behaviour according to average weekly alcohol consumption (AC) rating	1998, 2000-07
Alcohol consumption on the heaviest drinking day in the 7 days before interview	1978-98 (alternate yrs), 2000-07
Personal rating of own drinking behaviour	1978-90 (alternate yrs)
Whether think drinking/smoking can damage health	1992-98 (alternate years), 2000-07
Whether non-drinkers have always been non-drinkers or used to drink but stopped, and reasons	1992-96 (alternate years)
Whether drink more or less than the recommended sensible amount	1998, 2000-07
Whether drink more or less now than 5 years ago	1998, 2000-07
EDUCATION	
Current education	
Current education status	1971-96, 1998, 2000- 07
Type of educational establishment currently attended:	
- by adults aged under 50	1971-81, 1984-90 1991-96, 1998, 2000- 07
- by adults aged under 70	1971-77
- by children aged 5-15	1971, 1974-76
Qualification/examination aimed at	1971, 1974-76
Expected date of completion of full-time education	1971-76
Whether intend to do any paid work while still in full-time education, and if so, when	1971-76
Whether currently attending any leisure or recreation classes	1973-78, 1981, 1983, 1993-96
Past education	
Age on leaving school	1972-96, 1998 1971-96, 1998, 2000- 07
Age on leaving last place of full-time education	1971-96, 1998 1971-96, 1998, 2000- 07
Type of educational establishment last attended full time	1971-96, 1998
Qualifications obtained	1971-96, 1998, 2000- 07
Job training	1971-84
Students in institutional accommodation	1981-87
ELDERLY	1979-80, 1985, 1987, 1991, 1994, 1996,

1998, 2001

EMPLOYMENT**Those currently working**

Main job - occupation and industry and employee/self-employed	1971-96, 1998, 2000-07
Subsidiary job - occupation and industry and - employee/self-employed	1971-78, 1980-84 1987-91
Last job - occupation and industry and employee/self-employed	1986
Whether has a second job	1992-96, 1998
Whether present job was obtained through a government scheme	1989-92
Youth Opportunities Programme Schemes	1982-84
Youth Training Scheme	1985-95
Journey time to work	1971-76, 1978
Usual number of hours worked per week (excluding overtime)	1971-96, 1998, 2005-07
Hours of paid/unpaid overtime usually worked per week	1973-83, 1998
Usual number of hours worked per week (including paid/unpaid overtime)	2000-07
Usual number of days worked per week	1973, 1979-84
Number of days worked in reference week	1977-78
Length of time with present employer/present spell of self-employment	1971-96, 1998, 2000-07
Whether self-employed during the previous 12 months	1986-91
Number of changes of employer in 12 months before interview	1971-76, 1979-91
Number of new employee jobs started in 12 months before interview	1977-78, 1983-91
Source of hearing about job(S) started in 12 months before interview	1971-77, 1980-84
Whether paid by employer when sick	1971-76, 1979-81
Whether employer is in the public/private sector	1983, 1985, 1987
Trade Union and Staff Association membership	1983
Whether people work all or part of the time at home	1993
Whether does any unpaid work for members of the family	1993-95
Whether has ever been a company director	1987
Type of National Insurance contribution paid by:	
- married and widowed women	1972-1980
- married, widowed and separated women	1981-1983
Level of satisfaction with present job as a whole	1971-83
Level of satisfaction with specific aspects of present job	1974-83
Whether thinking of leaving present employer, and if so, why	1971-76
Whether signed on at an Unemployment Benefit Office in the reference week	1984-90, 1994-96

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Absence from work in the reference week	1971-72, 1974-84
Sickness absence in the four weeks before interview	1981-84
Sickness absence in the 3 months before interview	1992
Whether registered as unemployed in the reference week	1977-82
Unemployment experience in 12 months before interview	1975-77, 1983-84
Economic activity status 12 months before interview	1979-91, 2005-07
Whether in employment prior to present job	1986
Whether on any government schemes	1985-96
Usual job of father	1971-91
Those currently unemployed	
Most recent job - occupation and industry and employee/self-employed	1971-96, 1998, 2000-07
Whether most recent job was obtained through a government scheme	1989-92
Whether has ever had a paid job	1986-96, 1998, 2000-07
Whether has ever worked for an employer as part of a government scheme	1989-91
Whether registered as unemployed in the reference week	1971-83
Methods of seeking work in the reference week	
Whether signed on at an Unemployment Benefit Office in the reference week	1984-90, 1994-96
Whether looking for full or part-time work	1983
Whether taking part in Youth Training Scheme or Youth Opportunities Programmes	1984
Whether last job was organised through Youth Opportunities Programme (16-19 yrs olds)	1982
For those who in the reference week were looking for work - would they have been able to start within 2 weeks if a job had been available	1991-96, 1998, 2000-07
For those who in the reference week were waiting to take up a new job already obtained - would they have started that job in the reference week if it had been available then - when was the new job obtained and when did they expect to start it	1977-82 1979
Whether paid unemployment benefit (and supplementary allowances) for reference week	1971-74
When last worked and reasons for stopping work	1971-73, 1974-79, 1986
Reasons for leaving last job	1981-82, 1986
Whether last job was full/part time	1986
Length of current spell of unemployment	1974-96, 1998
Unemployment experience in 12 months before interview	1975-77, 1983-84
Economic activity status 12 months before interview	1979-91
Number of new employee jobs started in 12 months before interview	1977, 1982-91
Source of hearing about all jobs started in 12 months before interview	1982-84
Whether on any government schemes	1985-96, 1998, 2000-

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Whether does any unpaid work for members of the family and if so:	
number of hours a week and where	1993-96, 1998, 2000-07
for whom and type of work	1993-96
Whether has ever been a company director	1987
Type of National Insurance contribution paid in preceding two completed tax years by married/widowed/separated women aged 20-59, not working in week before interview	1982-83
Usual job of father	1971-92
The economically inactive	
Major activity in the reference week	
Last job - occupation and industry and employee/self-employed	1971-96, 1998, 2000-07
Usual job (of retired persons)	
- occupation and industry	1973-76, 1979-88
- employee/self-employed	
When finished last job	1971-73, 1977-78, 1986
Reasons for stopping work	1971-73, 1978-82, 1986
Whether registered as unemployed in the reference week	1972-83
Whether signed on at an Unemployment Benefit Office in the reference week	1984-90, 1994-96
Whether paid unemployment benefit (and supplementary allowance) for reference week	1972-74
Whether would like a regular paid job, whether looking for work, and if a job had been available would they have been able to start within 2 weeks	1991-96, 1998, 2000-07
Length of time currently out of employment	1993-96, 1998, 2000-07
Main reason for not looking for work	1986-87
Whether would like regular paid job	1986-87
Whether has ever had a paid job	1986-96, 1998, 2000-07
Whether has had a paid job in last 12 months	1987-91
Whether has ever worked for an employer as part of a government scheme	1989-91
Whether has had a paid job in previous 3 years	1986
Whether last job was full/part time	1986
Unemployment experience in 12 months before interview	1975-77, 1983-84
Economic activity status 12 months before interview	1980-91
Number of new employee jobs started in 12 months before interview	1977, 1984-91
Source of hearing about all jobs started in 12 months before interview	1977
Whether on any government schemes	1985-96, 1998, 2000-07
Whether does any unpaid work for members of the family and if so:	
number of hours a week and where	1993-96, 1998, 2000-07
for whom and type of work	1993-96

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Whether has ever been a company director	1987
Type of National Insurance contribution paid in the preceding two completed tax years by Married/widowed/separated women aged 20-59, not working in week before interview	1982
Future work intentions	1971-76
Usual job of father	1971-92
FORESTS	
Whether ever visits forests or woodland areas, facilities visitors would like to see there	1987
HEALTH	
Acute sickness (restricted activity in a two-week reference period)*	1971-76, 1979-96, 1998, 2000-07
Chronic health problems	1977-78
Chronic sickness (longstanding illness or disability)	
Prevalence of longstanding illness or disability*	1971-76, 1979-96, 1998, 2000-07
Cause of the illness or disability*	1971-75
When the illness or disability started*	1971
Type of illness or disability*	1988-89, 1994-96, 1998, 2000-07
Prevalence of limiting longstanding illness or disability*	1972-76, 1979-96, 1998, 2000-07
When it started to limit activities and whether housebound or bedfast because of it*	1972-76
Dental health	1983, 1985, 1987, 1989, 1991, 1993, 1995, 2003
General health in the 12 months before interview	1977-96, 1998, 2000- 07
Hearing	1977-81, 1985, 1991- 2, 1994-5, 1998, 2001-2,
Medicine-taking in seven days before interview	4th qtr 1972, 1973
Short-term health problems	1977-78
Sight	1977-82, 1985, 1987, 1994, 1990-94, 1998, 2001
Tinnitus (sensation of noise in the ears or head)	1981
HEALTH SERVICES	
Day patient visits	1971-96, 1998, 2000- 07

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GP consultations	1971-96, 1998, 2000-07
Consultations in the two weeks before interview:	
number of consultations*	
NHS or private*	
type of doctor*	
site of consultation*	
cause of consultation*	1971-75
whether consulted because something was the matter, or for some other reason*	1981
whether consultation about reported longstanding illness or restricted activity*	1983-84, 1986-87
whether was given a prescription*	1981-96, 1998, 2000-07
whether was referred to hospital*	1981-85, 1988-90
whether was given National Insurance medical certificate	1981-85
whether saw a practice nurse and, if so, the number of times*	2000-07
Access to GPs	1977
Whether has used NHS Direct in the last year	2004-07
	1971-76, 1970-85, 1991, 1994, 1998, 2001
Health and personal social services	
Inpatient spells	
Spells in hospital as an inpatient in a three-month reference period:	1971-1976
Stays in hospital as an inpatient in a 12-month reference period:	
number of stays*	1982-96, 1998, 2000-07
number of nights on each stay*	1992-96, 1998, 2000-07
NHS or private patient	1982-83, 1985-87, 1995-96, 1998, 2000-07
whether private patients were treated in an NHS/private hospital	1998, 2000-07
whether claimed for under private medical insurance	1982-83, 1987
Whether on waiting list for admission to hospital and length of time on list*	1973-76
Outpatient (OP) attendances	
Attendances at hospital OP departments in a three-month reference period:	
number of attendances*	1971-96, 1998, 2000-07
NHS or private	1973-76, 1982-83, 1985-87, 1995-96, 1998, 2000-07
nature of complaint causing attendance*	1974-76
whether claimed for under private medical insurance	1982-83, 1987, 1995
number of casualty visits*	1995-96, 1998, 2000-07
Appointments with OP departments:	1973-76
	1971-96, 1998, 2000-07
HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION	07

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Age*, sex*, marital status of household members	
Relationship to head of household*	
Family unit(s)	
Housewife	1971-80
HOUSING (see also MIGRATION)	
Accommodation: amenities	
Length of residence at present address*	1971-96, 1998, 2000-04
Age of building	
Type of accommodation	
Number of rooms and bedrooms	
Whether have separate kitchen	
Bath/WC: sole use, shared, none	1971-90
WC: inside or outside the accommodation	
Installation/replacement of bath or WC	1971-76
Cost of improvements made to the accommodation	
Floor level of main accommodation	1973-96, 1998, 2000-04
Whether there is a lift	2001-04
Central heating and fuel use	
Accommodation problems including damp, noise, pollution and crime	2004-2007
Housing inadequacies and basic services	2007
Housing costs	
Gross value	1971-86
Type of mortgage	1972-77, 1979, 1981, 1984-86
Current mortgage payments	1972-77, 1979, 1981, 1984
Purchase price of present home, amount of mortgage or loan and date mortgage started	1985-86, 1992-93
Current rent	1972-77, 1979, 1981
Amount of any rent rebate/allowance and/or rate rebate received	1985-95, 1998, 2000-07
Whether in receipt of housing benefit	
Whether rent paid by DSS or local authority	1998, 2000-07
Council Tax band for households containing person(s) aged 65 or over	2001
Tenure	
Whether present home is owned or rented	1971-96, 1998, 2000-07
Whether in co-ownership housing association scheme	1981-95
Change of tenure on divorce or remarriage	1991-93
Change of tenure on marriage or cohabitation	1998
Housing history of local authority tenants and owner occupiers who had become owners in the previous five years	1985-86
Whether ever rented from local authority, and if so, whether bought that accommodation	1991-93

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Owner occupiers:	
- in whose name the property is owned	1978-96, 1998, 2000-07
- whether property is owned outright or being bought with a mortgage or loan	1971-96, 1998, 2000-07
- how outright owners originally acquired their home	1978-80, 1982-83, 1985-86
- source of mortgage or loan	1978-80, 1982-86, 1992-93
- whether currently using present home as security for a (second) mortgage or loan of any kind, and if so, details	1980-82, 1992-93
- whether owner occupiers with mortgage have taken out a remortgage on present home	1985-87, 1992-93
- whether recent owner occupiers had previously rented this accommodation	1981-82, 1985-86
- whether had rented present accommodation before deciding to buy	1992-93
- whether previous accommodation was owned and if so, details of the sale	1992-93
Renters:	
- in whose name the property is rented	1985-96, 1998, 2000-05
- from whom the accommodation is rented	1971-96, 1998, 2000-07
- whether landlord lives in the same building	1971-72, 1975-76, 1979-96, 1998, 2000-04
- whether have considered buying present home and, if not, why not	1980-89
- tenure preference	1985-88
- whether previously owned/buying accommodation and reasons for leaving	1995-96
Local authority renters	1990-91
HOUSING SATISFACTION	1978, 1988, 1990
INCOME	
Income over 12 months before interview	1971-78
Current income	1979-96, 1998, 2000-07
INHERITANCE	1995
LEISURE / SOCIAL AND CULTURAL PARTICIPATION	
Arts and entertainments, museums, galleries, historic buildings	1987, 2006
Holidays away from home in four weeks before interview	1973, 1977, 1980, 1983, 1986
Leisure activities in the four weeks before interview	1973, 1977, 1980, 1983,
Social activities and hobbies in the four weeks before interview	1973, 1977, 1980, 1983, 1986, 1987, 1990, 1993, 1996, 2002
Involvement in groups, clubs and organisations, in last 12 months	2006
Whether did any voluntary arts/cultural work in the 4 weeks before interview	2002
Personal contact with family, relatives and friends in spare time	2006

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Asking for help from neighbours	2006
Unpaid help given to others outside the home, in last 12 months	2006
LIBRARIES	1987
LONG-DISTANCE TRAVEL	1971-72
MARRIAGE, COHABITATION AND CHILDBIRTH	
	1979-96, 1998, 2000-07
Marital history	07
Date of present marriage	1971-78
Expected family size	1974-78
	1979-96, 1998, 2000-07
Date of birth and sex of all liveborn children and whether they live with mother	07
Date of birth of step, foster and adopted children living in the household, and how long they have lived there	1979-87, 1989-96, 1998, 2000-07
Whether women think they will have any (more) children, how many in all, and age at which they think will have their first/next baby	1979-96, 1998, 2000-07
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Current cohabitation	1979-96, 1998, 2000-07
Cohabitation before current or most recent marriage	1979, 1981-88
Cohabitation before all marriages	1989-96, 1998, 2000-07
Number of cohabiting relationships that did not lead to marriage	1998, 2000-07
MIGRATION	
Past movement	
Length of residence at previous address*	1971-77
Details of previous accommodation	1971-73, 1978-80
Number of moves in last five years*	1971-77, 1979-96, 1998, 2000-07
	1971-78, 1980-81, 1983
Potential movement – people thinking of moving*	
Frustrated potential movement – people who had previously thought of moving*	1974-76, 1980, 1983
MOBILITY AIDS – difficult getting about without assistance	1993, 1996, 2001
PENSIONS	
Whether covered by employer's pension scheme	1971-76, 1979, 1982-83, 1985, 1987-96, 1998, 2000-07
Whether the scheme is contributory, reasons for not belonging to the scheme	1971-76, 1979, 1982-83, 1985, 1987
Whether ever belonged to present employer's pension scheme	1985, 1987
Whether in receipt of a pension from a previous employer	1983, 1985, 1987
Whether ever belonged to a previous employer's pension scheme	
Length of time in last employer's pension scheme and in last job	1985
Whether retained any pension rights from any previous employer	1971-76, 1979, 1982-83, 1985, 1987
Whether pays Additional Voluntary Contributions into employer's pension scheme	1987
Whether has a stakeholder pension	2001-07
Whether has a group personal pension	2003-07

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Whether currently belongs to a personal pension scheme and whether employer contributes	1991-96, 1998, 2000-07
Whether has ever contributed towards a personal pension	1987-96, 1998, 2000-07
Date the personal pension was taken out	
Whether belonged to an employer's pension scheme during the 6 months prior to taking out a personal pension	1989-90
Whether makes any other income tax deductible pension contributions	1993-96, 1998, 2000-07
- whether free standing additional voluntary contributions	2000-07
PRIVATE MEDICAL INSURANCE	1982-83, 1986-87, 1995
SHARE OWNERSHIP	1987-88, 1992-96, 1998
SMOKING	
Cigarette smoking	
Prevalence of cigarette smoking	1972-76, 1978-98 (alternate years), 2000-07
Current cigarette smokers:	
number of cigarettes smoked per day	1972-76, 1978-98 (alternate years),
type of cigarette smoked mainly	2000-07
usual brand of cigarette smoked	1984-98 (alternate years), 2000-07
age started smoking cigarettes regularly	1988-98 (alternate years), 2000-07
whether would find it difficult to not smoke for a day	
whether would like to give up smoking altogether	1992-98 (alternate years),
when is the first cigarette of the day smoked	2000-07
whether or not intends to give up smoking in the future	2003-07
Regular cigarette smokers:	
age started smoking cigarettes regularly	1972-73
Occasional cigarette smokers:	
whether ever smoked cigarettes regularly	
age started smoking cigarettes regularly	1972-73
how long ago stopped smoking cigarettes regularly	
Current non-smokers:	
whether ever smoked cigarettes regularly	1972-76, 1978-98 (alternate years), 2000-07
age started smoking cigarettes regularly	
number smoked per day when smoking regularly	1972-73, 1980-98 (alternate years),
how long ago stopped smoking cigarettes regularly	2000-07
Cigar smoking	1972-76, 1978-98 (alternate years), 2000-07

Pipe smoking	1972, 1978, 1986-98 (alternate years), 2000-07
SOCIAL CAPITAL	
Opinion of local services, amenities, organisations, safety in the area, local problems	2000, 2004
SOCIAL MOBILITY	2005
Opinion of living standards across the generations	
- mother and father's main job, year of birth and qualifications	
- household financial problems	
SPORT	1987, 1990, 1993, 1996, 2002
VOLUNTARY WORK	1981, 1987, 1992, 2002
* including children	