

# Labour Force Survey Historical Quarterly Supplement – Calendar Quarters

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## **Background**

The Labour Force Survey Historical Quarterly Supplement is a series of tables containing comprehensive historical results from the quarterly Labour Force Survey.

The Labour Force Survey (LFS) is a continuous sample survey carried out throughout the United Kingdom by interviewing people about personal circumstances and work. It provides a rich and vital source of information about the labour force using internationally agreed concepts and definitions. The LFS in the UK forms part of a harmonised set of comparable surveys carried out in each country of the European Union.

The Social and Vital Statistics Division of the Office for National Statistics (ONS) carries out the questionnaire design, sample selection and interviewing for the LFS in Great Britain which analyses and publishes the results of the survey. In Northern Ireland, the LFS is conducted by Central Survey Unit.

The LFS sample is selected on a systematic, unclustered basis and includes some 53,000 private addresses throughout the United Kingdom every quarter, with questions covering students living away from home in halls of residence; a sample of people living in NHS accommodation are also interviewed. Details of the labour force and other characteristics of around 105,000 people aged 16 and over are collected every quarter; basic personal details are also collected for around 28,000 children aged under 16.

## **Review of the HQS**

The recent reweighting of LFS microdata meant that the entire historical series for each of the published tables needed to be re-produced. A description of the reweighting is provided in an article entitled "Labour Force Survey: reweighting and seasonal adjustment review, 2008", accessible via this link:

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/cci/article.asp?id=1992>

In addition to LFS reweighting, a review of the contents of the HQS was conducted. This review assessed the extent to which the current HQS tables have been duplicating LFS statistics published elsewhere on the National Statistics web-site. An additional assessment was also made of how useful to users each table appears to be, given web-site management information on external access, and also the numbers of queries received.

The review concluded that 16 of the 44 previously published tables should be retained, with many of the series in the other tables being available elsewhere, i.e. the tables in, and associated with, the monthly Labour Market Statistics First Release.

These changes will be implemented from 13 August 2008, covering all available periods up to Q2 2008. Tables no longer published in the HQS are available on request.

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