

Accessing LFS and APS data via the UK Data Service

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Introduction to the Labour Force Survey and Annual Population Survey

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What we'll cover

- Introduction and accessing EUL data
- What do you do if you think you need Secure Access data?
- Remote access to controlled data via the UK Data Service's Secure Lab

What is the UK Data Service?

- Resource funded by the ESRC
- Access to a wide range of secondary social science data
- Support, training and guidance
- ukdataservice.ac.uk



How we work

- Communication via helpdesk – queries directed to right team internally
- Teams
 - Access (University of Essex)
 - User Support and training (for LFS at University of Manchester, Cathie Marsh Institute)
 - Secure Access/Secure Lab (University of Essex)

Series records

- [Annual Population Survey](#)
- [Labour Force Survey](#)
- What?
 - Information about each series as a whole
 - Links to all the datasets, grouped by type
 - Quarterly Labour Force Survey

Catalogue records

- Example: [Quarterly Labour Force Survey, October - December, 2020](#)
- What?
 - Abstract and study details
 - Documentation
 - Access data
 - Citation

Licenses

- LFS and APS made available under two licenses
 - End User License
 - Secure access

Accessing EUL data

- Register with UK Data Service
- Project to record use
- Download in preferred format
- Zip file with data and documentation

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- Online browsing of data
- Simple analyses (tables, correlation)
- Download data

Quarterly Labour Force Survey, December 2020 - February 2021

Metadata

Variable Description

- Household and Respondent Characteristics
- Government Training Schemes
- Main Job
- Home Workers (Main Job)
 - Teleworkers, Proximity of Work to Home, Business Ownership
 - Whether mainly work from home (main job)**
- Travel To Work
- Sickness
 - Incidence, Duration of Sickness
- Hours Worked (Main Job)

DESCRIPTION TABULATION ANALYSIS

Dataset: Quarterly Labour Force Survey, December 2020 - February 2021

Quarterly Labour Force Survey, 1992-

Variable HOME: Whether mainly work from home (main job)

LITERAL QUESTION

(In your main job) do you work mainly... in your own home, in the same grounds or buildings as your home, in different places quite separate from home?

Values	Categories	N	
1	Own home	4481	11.6%
2	Same grounds or building	423	1.1%
3	Different places with home as a base	3122	8.1%

Cite data

- Citations on catalogue page
- For multiple datasets, cite from the series page:
 - Office for National Statistics, Social Survey Division, Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency, Central Survey Unit. (2021). *Quarterly Labour Force Survey*, 1992-2020. [data collection]. UK Data Service. Series page:
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Questions

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