



## General Household Survey 2005

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# Summary of main topics included in GHS questionnaires: 1971 to 2005

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Topic Area	Year included
<b>ACCIDENTS</b>	<b>1987-89</b>
Accidents in the three-month reference period that resulted in seeing a GP or going to a hospital:	
whether saw GP or went to hospital or did both and in the last case, which first*	
type of accident and where occurred*	
whether occurred during sport*	
whether occurred during working hours*	
time off work as a result of accident	
whether went to hospital A & E Department (Casualty) or other part of hospital*	
whether stayed in hospital overnight as a result of accident, and if so how many nights*	
<b>Accidents at home</b>	<b>1981, 1984</b>
Accidents at home, in a three-month reference period, that resulted in seeing a GP or going to hospital:	
whether saw GP or went to hospital or did both and in the last case, which first*	
whether went to hospital A & E Department (Casualty) or other part of hospital*	
<b>ACTIVITIES ON SCHOOL PREMISES</b>	<b>1984</b>
Whether attended any event/activity on school premises in last 12 months	
Whether activities organised by school or parent teacher's association	
Type of activity attended (if not organised by school/parent teacher's association), number of times attended and whether attended a day or evening class	
<b>BURGLARIES AND THEFTS FROM PRIVATE HOUSEHOLDS</b>	
Incidence of burglaries in the 12 months before interview	<b>1972-73, 1979-80, 1985-86, 1991, 1993, 1996</b>
Value of stolen goods and whether insured	
Whether incident reported to the police	
Reasons for not reporting to the police	<b>1972-73, 1979-80, 1985-86</b>
Incidence of attempted burglary in the 12 months before interview	<b>1985-86</b>
<b>BUS TRAVEL</b>	<b>1982</b>
Frequency of use of buses in the six months before interview	
Physical and other difficulties using buses	
Reasons for not using buses	
<b>CAR OWNERSHIP</b>	
Number of cars or vans, if any, available to the household for private use	<b>1971-96, 1998, 2000-05</b>
Type of vehicle and whether privately/company owned	<b>1998, 2000-05</b>
In whose name (person or firm) each car/van was registered	<b>1980, 1992-93</b>
<b>Driving licences and private motoring</b>	<b>1980</b>
Whether held current licence for driving a car or van, and for how long full-licence held	
Whether non-licence holders (aged 17-70) intended to apply for a licence (again), and reasons for not having done so or for not intending to do so	
Frequency of use, for private motoring, of car/van available to the household	

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If household car/van not available, or not used for private motoring in the year before interview:

- whether used any car/van for private motoring in that year
- whether drove a car, van, lorry or bus in the course of work in that year

\* Including children.

**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES****1972**

Attitudes towards careers in the Armed Forces and the Police Force

Whether ever been in one of the Armed Forces

**CARERS****1985, 1990, 1995, 2000**

Whether looks after a sick, handicapped or elderly person in same or other household, nature of care provided and time spent, whether help received from other people or statutory services

Reasons for not receiving help from statutory services

**1995**

Whether dependent receives respite care

**1995, 2000**

Whether carer's health has been affected

**2000****Carers aged 8-17****1996**

Whether looks after a sick, handicapped or elderly person in the same household, nature of care provided and time spent, whether help received from other people or statutory services

**CHILD CARE****Pre-school children (aged under 5)**

Whether currently attending nursery/primary school, day nursery, playgroup, creche etc

**1971-79, 1986**

Frequency of attendance

**1979, 1986**

Whether received regular day care from person other than parents, and for how many hours per week

Whether working mothers would have to stop work if existing arrangements for the care of their children were no longer available, or whether they could make other care arrangements

**1979****Children aged 0-11****1991**

Whether uses any child care arrangements

Frequency of use and cost

Whether employer contributes towards cost, and if so, the amount

**Children under 14****1998**

Whether uses any child care arrangements, and if so, type and frequency of use

**Children aged 0-12**

Whether uses any child care arrangements, and if so type and frequency

**2005****COLOUR AND COUNTRY OF BIRTH**

Colour, assessment of persons seen\*

**1971-92**

Country of birth

**1971-96, 1998, 2000-05**

of adults and their parents

**1979-96, 1998, 2000-05**

of children

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Year of entry to UK	1971-96, 1998, 2000-05
adults	1979-96, 1998, 2000-05
children	1983-96, 1998, 2000-05
Ethnic origin	2001-05
National identity	
<b>CONSUMER DURABLES</b>	
Possession of various consumer durables	1972-76, 1978-96, 1998, 2000-05
Possession of a telephone	1972-76, 1979-96, 1998, 2000-05
Possession of a mobile telephone:	1992, 2000-05
- number available for use	
- in whose name each is owned or rented	1992
- whether fitted in a car or van	
Access to the Internet	2000-05
* Including children.	
<b>CONTRACEPTION AND STERILISATION</b>	
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	
Details of any reversal of sterilisation operations	1983-84, 1986-87, 1989, 1991, 1993, 1995, 1998, 2002
Current use of contraception/reason for not using contraception	
Previous usual method of contraception	1989, 1991, 1993, 1995, 1998, 2002
Use of contraception in the previous 12 months	1989, 1991, 1993, 1995, 1998, 2002
Use of contraception in the previous 2 years	
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 and whether consulted a doctor about difficulties in getting pregnant	
<b>DRINKING</b>	
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
Rating of drinking behaviour according to average weekly alcohol consumption (AC) rating	1986-98 (alternate yrs), 2000-02
Alcohol consumption on the heaviest drinking day in the 7 days before interview	1998, 2000-05

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Personal rating of own drinking behaviour	1978-98 (alternate yrs), 2000-05
Whether think drinking/smoking can damage health	1978-90 (alternate yrs) 1992-98 (alternate years), 2000-05
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, 2000-05
Whether drink more or less now than 5 years ago	

**EDUCATION****Current education**

Current education status	1971-96, 1998, 2000-05
Type of educational establishment currently attended	
- by adults aged under 50	1971-81, 1984-90 1991-96, 1998, 2000-05
- by adults aged under 70	
- by children aged 5-15	1971-77
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, 2000-05

**Past education**

Age on leaving school	1972-96, 1998 1971-96, 1998, 2000-05
Age on leaving last place of full-time education	
Type of educational establishment last attended full time	1971-96, 1998 1971-96, 1998, 2000-05
Qualifications obtained	

**Job training**

Whether currently doing a trade apprenticeship	1971-84
Identification of persons seriously thinking of taking a course of training or education for a particular type of job, with some details of the course and the source of any financial support	1973-74

**Students in institutional accommodation**

Estimate of numbers of full-time students at university or college living away from home in institutional accommodation, and therefore excluded from the GHS sample	1981-87
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**ELDERLY**

Whether any relatives living nearby:	
- persons aged 60 or over	1979-80
- persons aged 65 or over	1994
Persons aged 65 or over:	
- whether need help in getting about inside the house and outside, and with a range of personal and household tasks	1980, 1985, 1991, 1994, 1996, 1998, 2001
- if help is needed, who usually helps	
- frequency of social contacts with relatives and friends	1980, 1985, 1991, 1994,

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- use of public transport	1998, 2001
- use of health and personal social services	1980, 1985, 1987, 1991, 1994, 1998, 2001
- difficulty with sight and whether wears glasses or contact lenses	1980, 1985, 1991, 1994, 1998, 2001
- difficulty with hearing and whether wears an aid	1998, 2001
- whether needs a regular daily carer	
- whether lives in sheltered accommodation	1998, 2001
- when illness started to limit activities	
- health compared to a year ago	2001
- Council Tax band for households containing person(s) aged 65 or over	

**EMPLOYMENT****Those currently working**

Main job - occupation and industry	1971-96, 1998, 2000-05
- employee/self-employed	
Subsidiary job - occupation and industry	1971-78, 1980-84
- employee/self-employed	1987-91
Last job - occupation and industry	1986
- employee/self-employed	
Whether has a second job	1992-96, 1998
Whether present job was obtained through a government scheme	1989-92, 2005
Youth Opportunities Programme Schemes	1982-84
- identification of young persons aged 16-18 receiving training or work experience through the Youth Opportunities Programme or Youth Training Scheme	
Youth Training Scheme	1985-95
- identification of young persons aged 16-19 who were on the YTS and whether they were working with an employer or at college or training school	
Journey time to work	1971-76, 1978
Usual number of hours worked per week (excluding overtime)	1971-96, 1998, 2005
Hours of paid/unpaid overtime usually worked per week	1973-83, 1998
Usual number of hours worked per week (including paid/unpaid overtime)	2000-05
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, 2000-05
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 present job started in 12 months before interview	1971-77, 1980-84
Source of hearing about all jobs started in 12 months before interview	1974-77, 1980-84

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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, reasons for doing so, whether employer makes any financial contribution to expenses of working at home, equipment provided by employer	1993
Whether does any unpaid work for members of the family and if so, number of hours a week, where, for whom and type of work	1993-95
Whether has ever been a company director	1987
Type of National Insurance contribution paid by:	
- married and widowed women	
aged 16 or over	1972-79
aged 16-59	1980
- married, widowed and separated women	
aged 16-59	1981-82
aged 20-59	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, either to claim benefit or to receive National Insurance credits	1984-90, 1994-96
Absence from work in the reference week	
- reasons for absence	1971-72, 1974-84
- length of period of absence	1971-72, 1974-80, 1984
- number of working days off last week	1981-84
- whether absent because of illness or accident, and length of absence	1973
- whether in receipt of National Insurance sickness benefit (and supplementary allowance) for the absence	1971-76
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 (if had worked less than full week)	1977-82
Unemployment experience in 12 months before interview	1975-77, 1983-84
Economic activity status 12 months before interview and, if economically inactive, then reasons for (re-)entering the labour force	1979-81
Economic activity status 12 months before interview, including whether a full-time student and working	1982-91, 2005
Whether in employment prior to present job, and if so, whether that job was full/part time and reasons for leaving	1986
Whether on any government schemes	1985-96

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Usual job of father	
- of all persons aged 16 or over	1971-76
- of persons aged 16-49 in full-time or part-time education	1977-78
- of all persons aged 16-49	1979-89
- of all persons aged 16-59	1989-91
<b>Those currently unemployed</b>	
Most recent job - occupation and industry	1971-96, 1998, 2000-05
- employee/self-employed	
Whether most recent job was obtained through a government scheme	1989-92
Whether has ever had a paid job	1986-96, 1998, 2000-05
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, either to claim benefit or to receive National Insurance credits	1984-90, 1994-96
Whether looking for full or part-time work	1983
Whether taking part in either the Youth Training Scheme or the Youth Opportunities Programme last week	1984
Whether last job was organised through the Youth Opportunities Programme (persons aged 16-19)	1982
For those who in the reference week were looking for work	1991-96, 1998, 2000-05
- would they have been able to start within 2 weeks if a job had been available	
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, or would they have chosen to wait	1977-82
- when was the new job obtained and when did they expect to start it	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 and, if economically inactive then, reasons for (re-)entering the labour force	1979-81
Economic activity status 12 months before interview, including whether a full-time student and working	1982-91
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



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Whether on any government schemes	1985-96, 1998, 2000-05
Whether does any unpaid work for members of the family and if so:	
number of hours a week and where	1993-96, 1998, 2000-05
for whom and type of work	1993-96
Whether has ever been a company director	1987
Type of National Insurance contribution paid in the preceding two completed tax years by married, widowed, and separated women aged 20-59, who were not working in the week before interview	1982-83
Usual job of father	
- of all persons aged 16 or over	1971-76
- of persons aged 16-49 in full-time or part-time education	1977-78
- of all persons aged 16-49	1979-88
- of all persons aged 16-59	1989-92
<b>The economically inactive</b>	
Major activity in the reference week	
Last job - occupation and industry	1971-96, 1998, 2000-05
- employee/self-employed	
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, either to claim benefit or to receive National Insurance credits	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, 2000-05
Length of time currently out of employment	1993-96, 1998, 2000-05
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, 2000-05
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 (persons aged 16-69)	1980-81
Economic activity status 12 months before interview including whether a full-time student and working	1982-91

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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, 2000-05
Whether does any unpaid work for members of the family and if so:	1993-96, 1998, 2000-05
number of hours a week and where	1993-96
for whom and type of work	1993-96
Whether has ever been a company director	1987
Type of National Insurance contribution paid in the preceding two completed tax years by married, widowed and separated women aged 20-59, who were not working in the week before interview	1982
Future work intentions, including whether would seek work earlier if satisfactory arrangements could be made for looking after children	1971-76
Usual job of father	
- of all persons aged 16 or over	1971-76
- of persons aged 16-49 in full-time or part-time education	1977-78
- of all persons aged 16-49	1979-88
- of all persons aged 16-59	1989-92
<b>FORESTS</b>	
Whether ever visits forests or woodland areas, facilities visitors would like to see there	1987
<b>HEALTH</b>	
<b>Acute sickness (restricted activity in a two-week reference period)</b>	
Prevalence and duration of restricted activity*	1971-76, 1979-96, 1998, 2000-05
Causes of restricted activity*	1971-75
Number of days in bed and number of days of (certificated) absence from work/school*	1971-76
Help from people outside household with housework or shopping	1971-74
<b>Chronic health problems</b>	1977-78
Prevalence of chronic health problems	
Constant effects of chronic health problems (eg taking things easy, using prescribed/non-prescribed medication, watching diet, taking account of weather)	
Contact with health services in 12 months before interview because of chronic health problems	
Effect of chronic health problems in the 14 days before interview (eg resting more than usual, using prescribed/non-prescribed medication, changing eating or drinking habits, cutting down on activities, consulting GP, seeking advice from other persons)	
<b>Chronic sickness (longstanding illness or disability)</b>	
Prevalence of longstanding illness or disability*	1971-76, 1979-96, 1998, 2000-05
Cause of the illness or disability*	1971-75
When the illness or disability started*	1971

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Type of illness or disability*	1988-89, 1994-96, 1998, 2000-05
Prevalence of limiting longstanding illness or disability*	1972-76, 1979-96, 1998, 2000-05
When it started to limit activities and whether housebound or bedfast because of it*	1972-76
<b>Dental health</b>	
Whether has any natural teeth	1983, 1985, 1987, 1989, 1991, 1993, 1995, 2003
To those aged under 18, how long since last visit to the dentist, and whether registered with a dentist	1993, 1995
How long since last visit to the dentist*	1983, 2003
Treatment received*	1983
Whether goes to the dentist for check-ups, or only when having trouble with teeth*	1983, 1985, 1987, 1989, 1991, 1993, 1995, 2003
<b>General health in the 12 months before interview</b>	
People aged 16 and over	1977-96, 1998
All persons*	2000-05
<b>Hearing</b>	
Difficulty with hearing and whether wears an aid:	
- persons aged 16 or over	1977-79, 1981, 1992, 1995, 1998, 2002
- persons aged 65 or over	1980, 1985, 1991, 1994, 1998, 2001
*Including children.	
Types of hearing aid worn, and whether obtained through NHS or privately	1979, 1992, 1995, 1998,
Reasons for not wearing an aid	2002
Whether hearing aid was obtained through NHS or bought privately, and if bought privately, the reason(s)	1992, 1995, 1998, 2002
<b>Medicine-taking</b>	
Medicines taken in the seven days before interview:	4th qtr 1972, 1973
- categories of medicine	
- patterns of consumption of analgesics	
<b>Short-term health problems (in the 14 days before interview)</b>	
Prevalence of short-term health problems	1977-78
Effects of short-term health problems in the 14 days before interview	

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**Sight**

Difficulty with sight and whether wears glasses or contact lenses:

- persons aged 16 or over	1977-79, 1981-82, 1987, 1994
- persons aged 65 or over	1980, 1985, 1987, 1991, 1994, 1998, 2001

Whether wears glasses or contact lenses\*

Whether obtained new glasses in previous 12 months and number of pairs\* 1987, 1990-94

Whether had a sight test in previous 12 months\*

Whether sight test was NHS or private 1990-94

Whether sight test was paid for by informant or employer, provided free by optician, or covered by insurance 1991-94

Whether obtained any ready made reading glasses in the previous 12 months 1992-94

Types of contact lens worn, and whether obtained through NHS or privately

Reasons for trying contact lenses 1982

Reasons stopped wearing contact lenses

Care of contact lenses

**Tinnitus (sensation of noise in the ears or head)**

1981

Prevalence of tinnitus, frequency and duration of symptoms, whether ever consulted a doctor about it

**HEALTH SERVICES****Day patient visits**

Number of separate days in hospital as a day patient in the last year\* 1992-96, 1998, 2000-05

Whether NHS or private 1995-96, 1998, 2000-05

**GP consultations**

Consultations in the two weeks before interview:

number of consultations\*

1971-96, 1998, 2000-05

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  
1981-96, 1998, 2000-05

whether was given a prescription\*

whether was referred to hospital\*

1981-85, 1988-90

\* Including children

whether was given National Insurance medical certificate

1981-85

whether saw a practice nurse and, if so, the number of times\*

2000-05

Access to GPs:	1977
whether own doctor worked alone or with other doctors	
whether could usually see doctor of own choice at surgery	
most recent consultation at surgery:	
- when it took place	
- NHS or private	
- by appointment or not	
- how far ahead appointment made	
- time spent waiting at surgery	
- attitudes towards waiting time for appointment, waiting time at surgery, and length of consultation	
Whether has used NHS Direct in the last year	2004-05
<b>Health and personal social services</b>	
Use of various services:	
- by adults and children	1971-76
- by persons aged 60 or over	1979
- by persons aged 65 or over	1980-85, 1991, 1994, 1998, 2001
<b>Inpatient spells</b>	
Spells in hospital as an inpatient in a three-month reference period:	
number and length of spells*	1971-76
NHS or private patient*	1973-75
Stays in hospital as an inpatient in a 12-month reference period:	
number of stays*	1982-96, 1998, 2000-05
number of nights on each stay*	1992-96, 1998, 2000-05
NHS or private patient	1982-83, 1985-87, 1995-96, 1998, 2000-05
whether private patients were treated in an NHS/private hospital	1998, 2000-05
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
<b>Outpatient (OP) attendances</b>	
Attendances at hospital OP departments in a three-month reference period:	
number of attendances*	1971-96, 1998, 2000-05
NHS or private	1973-76, 1982-83, 1985-87, 1995-96, 1998, 2000-05
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, 2000-05

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Appointments with OP departments:	1973-76
whether had (or was waiting for) an appointment*, how long ago since told appointment would be made*	

**HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION**

Age*, sex*, marital status of household members	1971-96, 1998, 2000-05
Relationship to head of household*	
Family unit(s)	
Housewife	1971-80

\* Including children

**HOUSING (see also MIGRATION)****Accommodation: amenities**

Length of residence at present address*	1971-96, 1998, 2000-05
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, 2000-05
Whether there is a lift	

**Central heating and fuel use**

Whether have central heating	1971-96, 1998, 2000-05
Type of fuel used for central heating	1978-92
Type of fuel mainly used for central heating	1993-96, 1998, 2000-05
Type of fuel mainly used for room heating in winter	1978-81, 1983, 1985

**Accommodation problems**

Including Damp, Dark, Noise Pollution and Crime	2004-2005
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**Housing costs**

Gross value	1971-86
Net rateable value (Scotland only)	1971-86
Yearly rate poundage (Scotland only)	1972-86
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, 2000-05
Whether in receipt of housing benefit	

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Whether rent paid by DSS or local authority	1998, 2000-05
Method of obtaining mortgage tax relief	1984
Council Tax band for households containing person(s) aged 65 or over	2001
<b>Tenure</b>	
Whether present home is owned or rented	1971-96, 1998, 2000-05
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 a local authority, and if so, whether bought that accommodation, source of finance, whether have since moved and distance moved	1991-93
Owner occupiers:	
- in whose name the property is owned	1978-96, 1998, 2000-05
- whether property is owned outright or being bought with a mortgage or loan	1971-96, 1998, 2000-05
- 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
* Including children	
- whether owner occupiers with a mortgage have taken out a remortgage on their present home, and if so, details	1985-87, 1992-93
- whether recent owner occupiers had previously rented this accommodation and, if so, from whom and for how long	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, 2000-05
- whether landlord lives in the same building	1971-72, 1975-76, 1979-96, 1998, 2000-05
- 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:	
- whether expect to move soon, and if so, whether expect to rent or buy	
- whether expect to buy present home	1990-91
- landlord preference	
- awareness of Tenants' Choice Scheme	

**HOUSING SATISFACTION**

Overall level of satisfaction with present accommodation	1978, 1988, 1990
Reasons for dissatisfaction	
Satisfaction with specified aspects of accommodation	1978
Troublesome features	
Housing preferences	1978, 1987, 1988
Satisfaction with landlord	1990

**INCOME****Income over 12 months before interview**

Gross earnings as employee, from self-employment	
Income from state benefits, investments and other sources	1971-78
Number of weeks for which income received from each source	
Whether currently receiving income from each source	1974-78

**Current income**

Current earnings (gross, take-home, usual) as employee, from self-employment, and from second or occasional jobs	1979-96, 1998, 2000-05
Current income from state benefits, occupational pensions (own or husband's), rents, savings and investments, and any other regular sources	
	1981-96, 1998, 2000-05
Current income from maintenance, alimony or separation allowance	
Financial help received from former husband towards household bills	1982-83

**INHERITANCE**

	1995
Number, type, value and dates of inheritances received	
Details of property inheritance	

**LEISURE**

Arts and entertainments, museums, galleries, historic buildings:	1987
- whether visited in the 4 weeks before interview	
- number of days on which visited	
	1973, 1977, 1980, 1983, 1986
Holidays away from home in the four weeks before interview, length of holiday, countries visited (in UK)	
	1973, 1977, 1980, 1983, 1986
Leisure activities in the four weeks before interview:	
- types of activity	1986
-number of days on which engaged in each activity	
- whether activity done while away on holiday	
	1973, 1977, 1980, 1983, 1986, 1987, 1990, 1993, 1996, 2002
Social activities and hobbies in the four weeks before interview	
	1986, 1987, 1990, 1993, 1996, 2002
Whether did any voluntary arts/cultural work in the 4 weeks before interview, and amount of time spent	2002



**LIBRARIES****1987**

Whether visited a public library in the 4 weeks before interview:

- number of visits
- library services used

**LONG-DISTANCE TRAVEL****1971-72**

Number of long-distance journeys made in the 14 days before interview

Starting and finishing points of journeys

Type of transport used for longest part of journeys

Main purpose of journeys

Number of people travelled with

**MARRIAGE, COHABITATION AND CHILDBIRTH****1979-96, 1998, 2000-05**

Marital history

Date of present marriage

**1971-78**

Whether first marriage

**1974-78**

Expected family size:

at time of present marriage

at time of interview

Whether woman thinks she has completed her family

**1971-78**

Age when most recent baby was born

Age when expects to have last baby

Date of birth and sex of each child born in present marriage

**1979-96, 1998, 2000-05**

Date of birth and sex of all liveborn children and whether they live with mother

Where children under 16, not living with mother, are currently living

**1979**

Where children under 19, not living with mother, are currently living

**1982****1979-87, 1989-96, 1998,**

Date of birth of step, foster and adopted children living in the household, and how long they have lived there

**2000-05****1979-96, 1998, 2000-05**

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, 2000-05**

Current cohabitation

Cohabitation before current or most recent marriage

**1979, 1981-88****1989-96, 1998, 2000-05**

Cohabitation before all marriages

Number of cohabiting relationships that did not lead to marriage

**1998, 2000-05****MIGRATION****Past movement**

Length of residence at previous address\*

**1971-77**

Previous accommodation:

- tenure

**1971-73, 1978-80**

- household composition

- number of rooms

**1971**

- bath/WC: sole use, shared, none

- WC: inside or outside accommodation

Reasons for moving from previous address

**1971-77**

## Summary of main topics included in GHS questionnaires: 1971 to 2005

Number of moves in last five years*	1971-77, 1979-96, 1998, 2000-05
* Including children	
<b>Potential movement</b>	
Identification of households containing persons who are currently thinking of moving*	1971-78, 1980-81, 1983
Whether will be moving as whole household or splitting up*	
Reasons for moving	1971-76, 1978, 1980- 81
Proposed future tenure	1980-81, 1983
Actions taken to find somewhere to live	1971-76, 1980-81
Whether had experienced difficulties	
- in finding somewhere else to live	1980-81
- in raising a mortgage/loan or in finding a deposit	
<b>Frustrated potential movement</b>	
Identification of households containing persons who, though not currently thinking of moving, had seriously thought of doing so in the two years before interview*	1974-76, 1980, 1983
Whether would have moved as whole household or would have split up*	
Proposed tenure	1974-76, 1980
Reasons for deciding not to move	1974-76, 1980, 1983
Whether decision not to move was connected with rise in house prices	1974-76, 1980
Whether reasons for thinking about moving were work-related	1983
Whether had experienced difficulties in raising a mortgage/loan or in finding a deposit	1980
<b>MOBILITY AIDS</b>	
Whether has any difficulty getting about without assistance, and if so, what help is needed, whether the problem is temporary or permanent, the number and types of walking aids, and who supplied them	1993, 1996, 2001
<b>PENSIONS</b>	
Whether covered by employer's pension scheme	1971-76, 1979, 1982- 83, 1985, 1987-96, 1998, 2000-05
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
Length of time in present employer's pension scheme	
Whether transferred any previous pension rights to present employer's pension scheme	
Whether in receipt of a pension from a previous employer, and if so, at what age they first drew it	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	2001-05
Whether has a group personal pension	2003-05

## Summary of main topics included in GHS questionnaires: 1971 to 2005

Whether currently belongs to a personal pension scheme and whether employer contributes	1991-96, 1998, 2000-05
Whether has ever contributed towards a personal pension	1987-96, 1998, 2000-05
Date the personal pension was taken out	
Whether belonged to an employer's pension scheme during the 6 months prior to taking out	1989-90
a personal pension	
Whether makes any other income tax deductible pension contributions	1993-96, 1998, 2000-05
- whether free standing additional voluntary contributions	2000-05
Whether receiving an occupational pension, and if so, how many	
Age first drew occupational pension and whether this was earlier or later than the usual age	1990
Reasons for drawing the pension early or late, and whether the amount of pension was affected	

\* Including children

# PRIVATE MEDICAL INSURANCE

Whether covered by private medical insurance and if so:	
- whether policy holder or dependent on someone else's policy*	1982-83, 1986-87, 1995
- whether subscription paid by employer	
Whether covered by private medical insurance in the last 12 months	1987
Whether company director's private medical insurance subscription is paid for by the company of which he is a director	1987, 1995

# SHARE OWNERSHIP

Whether owns any shares	1987-88
Whether shares are owned solely or jointly with spouse	1987
Whether shares owned are in employer's company	1987-88
Whether has a Personal Equity Plan	1988, 1992-96, 1998

# SMOKING

## Cigarette smoking

Prevalence of cigarette smoking	1972-76, 1978-98 (alternate years), 2000-05
Current cigarette smokers:	
number of cigarettes smoked per day	1972-76, 1978-98 (alternate years), 2000-05
type of cigarette smoked mainly	1984-98 (alternate years), 2000-05
usual brand of cigarette smoked	1988-98 (alternate years), 2000-05
age started smoking cigarettes regularly	1992-98 (alternate years), 2000-05
whether would find it difficult to not smoke for a day	1992-98 (alternate years), 2000-05
whether would like to give up smoking altogether	2000-05
when is the first cigarette of the day smoked	2003-05
whether or not intends to give up smoking in the future	

## Summary of main topics included in GHS questionnaires: 1971 to 2005

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), 2000-05
age started smoking cigarettes regularly	
number smoked per day when smoking regularly	1972-73, 1980-98 (alternate years), 2000-05
how long ago stopped smoking cigarettes regularly	
<b>Cigar smoking</b>	
Prevalence of cigar smoking	1972-76, 1978-98 (alternate years), 2000-05
Current cigar smokers:	
number of cigars smoked per week	1988-98 (alternate years), 2000-05
number of cigars smoked per month	
type of cigar smoked	1972-73
age started smoking cigars regularly	1972
whether or not intends to give up smoking in the future	2003-05
* Including children	
Current non-smokers:	
whether ever smoked cigars regularly	1972-76, 1978-98 (alternate years), 2000-05
age started smoking cigars regularly	1972
how long ago stopped smoking cigars regularly	
<b>Pipe smoking</b>	
Prevalence of pipe smoking among males	1972, 1978, 1986-98 (alternate years), 2000-05
Current pipe smokers:	
amount of tobacco smoked per week	1972-75
age started smoking a pipe regularly	1972
whether or not intends to give up smoking in the future	2003-05
Current non-smokers:	
whether ever smoked a pipe regularly	1972-76, 1978, 1986-98 (alternate years), 2000-05

age started smoking a pipe regularly	1972
how long ago stopped smoking a pipe regularly	
<b>SOCIAL CAPITAL</b>	
Opinion of local services, amenities, organisations, safety in the area, local problems	2000-05
<b>SOCIAL MOBILITY</b>	2005
<b>Opinion of living standards across the generations</b>	
- father's main job	
- mother's main job	
- father's year of birth	
- mother's year of birth	
- father's qualifications	
- mother's qualifications	
- household financial problems	
<b>SPORT</b>	
Sports activities in the four weeks and 12 months before interview:	1987, 1990, 1993, 1996,
- number of days on which took part in each sport	2002
- where activities took place	
- whether member of a sports club	1996, 2002
- whether took part in organised competition	
- whether received tuition	
- whether did any voluntary sports work in the 4 weeks before interview, and amount of time spent	2002
<b>VOLUNTARY WORK</b>	
Whether did any voluntary work in the 12 months before interview and, if so:	
- what kind of work, whether also done in the last 4 weeks, and amount of time spent	1981, 1987, 1992
- whether done regularly or from time to time	1981
- on how many days	1987, 1992
- number of hours spent	1992
- whether any organisation was involved	1981
- which organisations were involved	1987, 1992
- whether the organisation was a trade union or political party	1987
- who mainly benefited from the work	1981
Whether did any voluntary sports/arts/cultural work in the 4 weeks before interview, and amount of time spent	2002