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touches on household structure, primary economic activity, secondary economic activity, activity one year previously, unemployment, education and training, working conditions, persons not working and not seeking employment, pensions, employment, ethnic origin, migration, qualifications, household accommodation, disablement, National Insurance contributions and second homes. This is only a brief list; more detailed information can be had from the OPCS report (OPCS, 1982), from which this topic list was extracted.

### Time Coverage

Labour Force Surveys were conducted in 1973, 1975, 1977, 1979 and 1981. The data for 1973 will not be available to secondary researchers because of technical difficulties that have arisen; those for 1981 should be available within the next fifteen months.

### The Sample

Two sampling frames were used. In England, Northern Ireland and Wales the Valuation Roll provided the basis for a sample which, in England and Wales, included all 69 metropolitan districts and a two-stage selection from among the remaining non-metropolitan districts. In Northern Ireland wards were the primary sampling units. In Scotland, the Address File (i.e. post codes) was used as the basis for a stratified sample. Further details of the design, sampling error and design effect for the study appears in OPCS (1982), *Labour Force Survey 1979*.

In 1979 over 100,000 addresses were chosen in the sample. The response rate was 83.2% over the United Kingdom. In terms of individuals, the final data set contains information from over 225,000 people, albeit provided by '... an interview with one responsible member of each household' (OPCS, 1982:7).

### Documentation

The Office of Population Censuses and Surveys has produced two general reports of these surveys, both of which are available from Her Majesty's Stationery Office in London. These are *Labour Force Survey 1973, 1975 and 1977* which was published in 1980 and *Labour Force Survey 1979* which appeared in 1982. In addition to these reports, the Data Archive has produced a codebook for the micro-data from these surveys from material supplied by OPCS.

### Obtaining LFS Data

Labour Force Survey data can be obtained from the Data Archive. To ease the process, the routine for requesting them is described below as a sequence of steps.

1. WHICH YEAR? Although the core of questions asked in the LFS is common to each Survey, there are inter-year variations among some questions. The 1979 report (OPCS, 1982) contains a cross-referenced listing of topics covered, as well as a copy of the questionnaire used in 1979. Would-be analysts of these data are advised to consult a copy of this report to help determine which year(s) is (are) required.
2. WHICH VARIABLES? The Data Archive can supply the entire data set from each of the available Labour Force Surveys but, after conversion to an SPSS-like compatible form, the resultant data set is very large. Consequently, it offers an extraction facility which is based on variable names. A list of names (and the coding frame for each variable) is available from the Data Archive for the cost of reproduction.
3. REQUESTING THE DATA: The Data Archive can only supply LFS-data to researchers who have submitted (and have had approved) an application to the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys which describes the project for which the data are to be used. The Data Archive has a set of forms for this purpose; potential analysts of LFS-data should obtain a copy, complete it and return it to the Data Archive who will send it on to OPCS.
4. CONDITIONS OF ACCESS: Having obtained permission to receive LFS data, users must undertake (using a form available from the Data Archive) (a) not to copy the data tape

to any third parties, either in part or in whole; (b) to use the data only for the purposes specified in the original (or amended) request; (c) to allow OPCS to see and approve a draft of any report or other proposed publication, in advance of such publication; and (d) to satisfy Crown Copyright by giving proper acknowledgement to the source of the data in any published material.

5. DESCRIBING THE OUTPUT MEDIUM: The Archive will generally produce the LFS-data file on a magnetic computer tape which is compatible with the researcher's computer installation. A form will be provided by the Data Archive to facilitate the description of the installation's requirements.
6. CHARGES: Unless the user is exempt, the Data Archive will have to impose a handling charge on these data. Further details of this charge, and of exemptions, are available from the Data Archive.

### Reference

Office of Population Censuses and Surveys (1982), *Labour Force Survey 1979* (London: HMSO) (ISBN 0 11 690791 6)

### FAMILY FINANCES SURVEY

The data from the Family Finances Survey carried out for the Department of Health and Social Security have now been deposited in the Archive and are available for use. They are to be distributed under access conditions similar to those operating for the Family Expenditure Survey. That is, a short summary of intended research use must be submitted, through the Archive, to the Department. Once permission for access has been granted by the Department, a copy of the data file will be sent to the user after signature of an undertaking form guaranteeing the maintenance of confidentiality of the data and its exclusive use by the named researcher. The data are subject to the usual Archive handling charge, and documentation will be provided by the Archive at the cost of reproduction.

The Family Finances Survey is based upon the Family Expenditure Survey but is related solely to low income families with children. It was designed to boost the FES sample of families within about the lowest fifth of family incomes to over 3000 plus an additional sample of over 500 families containing four or more children. Fieldwork was carried out over a year, starting in September 1978. In addition, to repeated questions from the FES questionnaire, information was also collected on travel to work and travel to school expenses, wife's earnings before birth of baby (if under one year), use of vitamin tokens, and prescriptions and optical or dental treatment in last fortnight. Further information on the survey, and copies of application forms are available from the Archive User Services Section.

It is intended that the data from the Family Resources Survey will be deposited in the Archive under the same conditions and will be available by the end of the year. Enquiries are welcome before that time, and the next *Bulletin* will carry a further report.

### A SELECTION OF NEW ACQUISITIONS

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European Women in Paid Employment (BASS 8202)

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#### Purpose

This study was carried out at the request of the 'ad hoc' Commission for Women's Rights (set up by the European Parliament in October 1979), in order to ascertain how female workers saw themselves compared with their male colleagues.

#### Attitudinal/Behavioural Questions

Information concerning employment situation including degree of responsibility held and whether abilities are adequately used. Periods of voluntary/involuntary unemployment. Sex of immediate superior, sex of colleagues. Experience of sexual discrimination at work; whether respondent feels it is advantageous to be a man or a woman in certain areas, e.g. being

considered for promotion, in terms of salary levels, as far as income tax and retirement age are concerned. Educational qualifications and assessment of usefulness. Experience of sexual harassment. Knowledge of existence of national laws concerning equality of treatment at work, knowledge of and opinion of activities of European Community and trade unions in this respect. Degree of participation in trade union activities.

#### Background Variables

Type of area in which respondent lives, marital status, age finished full-time education, age and date of birth, no. of adults/children in household, occupation of head of household, household income group.

#### Publications

Commission of the European Community, 'European Women in Paid Employment: Their Perception of Discrimination at Work' (Brussels: December 1980)

**Depositor:** Belgian Archives for the Social Sciences (BASS)

#### Principal Investigator:

**Data Collector:**

J. R. Rabier  
Belgium: DIMARSO/INRA  
Denmark: Gallup Markedanalyse  
Germany: EMNID Institut  
France: Institut de Sondage Lavalie  
Ireland: Irish Marketing Surveys  
Italy: DOXA  
Luxembourg: Institut Luxembourgeois de Recherches Sociales (ILRES)  
Netherlands: NIPO  
Gt. Britain: Social Surveys (Gallup Poll)

**Population:** Women, aged 15 and over, in paid employment in Europe.

**Sample:** (a) random sample: Great Britain, France, Belgium, Netherlands, Ireland  
(b) sample generated from an omnibus quota sample of women: Germany, Denmark, Italy  
(c) random sample drawn from the Social Security Register: Luxembourg

**Schedules:**

France:	503
Gt. Britain:	612
Germany:	508
Italy:	528
Netherlands:	308
Denmark:	233
Belgium:	294
Luxembourg:	103
Ireland:	303
	3392

**Method:** Oral interview  
**Date:** June/July 1980

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### Women and Employment (S1143)

#### Variables

##### Women's Questionnaire

(a) *Patterns of movement in and out of the labour market*  
Whether women were working full-time, part-time or not working at different stages in their lives and at different points in time.

(b) *Factors affecting participation in the labour market*  
Economic, social and psychological factors affecting decisions about whether or not to work. Reasons for working/not working.

#### (c) Recent and current employment activities

Description of type of work, conditions (pay, hours etc.) job satisfaction. Mobility between employers and type of work over the last five years.

#### (d) The consequences of not working and the process of job search

Attitudes to and consequences of not working. Investigation of different categories of 'not working', from 'registered unemployed' to 'not intending to work'. Economic, social and psychological consequences of not working for women wanting to work. How women look or intend to look for work. The reasons women give up seeking work.

#### (e) Factors affecting decisions about whether to work

Constraints of child care and other domestic responsibilities. Division of labour between husbands and wives. Attitude of husbands to wife working. Family financial situation. Availability of suitable work in terms of type of work, hours, pay, travel to work. Which factors would cause women to want to change their present situation (i.e. re working full-time, part-time, or not working).

#### (f) Careers and occupational mobility

Whether women see themselves as having careers. The future work intentions of women before they have children. Women's assessments of the level of their jobs before and after domestic absence. Whether women think their job utilises their skills, qualifications, training etc.

#### (g) General attitudes to women and work

The relative importance of work and family, male and female roles – views on whether men should take precedence over women for work if jobs are scarce. Attitudes to equal opportunities, general awareness of legislation and social trends.

#### Men's Questionnaire

Information concerning education and qualifications. Current employment situation and occupation. Ways in which husband's situation affects wife's employment. Income and financial situation. Whether respondent's job could be/is done by women. General attitudes to women at work. Whether respondent can easily take time off work to care for children. Division of labour between husband and wife in the home. Whether respondent's mother worked outside the home. Assessment of recent legislation concerning equal opportunities.

**Depositor:** J. Martin, Office of Population Censuses and Surveys

**Principal Investigator:** J. Martin and H. Green, Office of Population Censuses and Surveys

**Data Collector:** Social Survey Division, OPCS

**Sponsor:** Department of Employment

**Population:** Women, aged 16–59, living in private households in Great Britain. (In addition, the husbands of some of the women were also interviewed.)

**Sample:** Stratified, multi-stage, random sample. (1) Random sample of 120 local authority districts, stratified by region, metropolitan/non-metropolitan and the proportion of the population in SEGs 1–5 or 13. Districts were selected with probability proportional to the size of the electorate. (2) Random sample of 4 wards within each district, with pps. (3) Random sample of approx. 20 addresses within each ward. (4) Doorstep sift to identify women aged 16–59.

**Schedules:** Target 6732 (10,000 addresses)  
Obtained 5588 (Sub-sample of husbands = approx. 800).

**Method:** Oral interview

**Date:** April–June 1980