CLASS

A random sample of two hundred men drawn from the General Household Survey 1979

Column

1   Age of respondent
2   Age left full-time education
3   Number of children in the family
4   Chronic illness
5   Current social class of respondent
6   Respondent's opinion of own health in last year
7   Highest educational qualification obtained
8   Standard Industrial Classification of job
9   Satisfaction with 'the job as a whole'
10 Length of time with current employer
11 Marital status (common law marriages included)
12 Hours of overtime worked each week
13 Tenure of accommodation
14 Current or last social class of father
15 Gross weekly pay in pounds
16 Whether employer runs a pension scheme
17 Socio-economic group of respondent's job
18 Self-employed or employee
19 Whether respondent is paid by employer when sick
20 Annual unearned income in pounds
21 Age of wife
22 Current social class of wife
23 Whether wife does paid work
24 Highest educational qualification obtained by wife

ECONOMY

This dataset documents public confidence in the economy and in the government in Great Britain on a monthly basis between January 1977 and December 1985, objective indicators of the performance of the economy are also attached so that these can be compared with movements in the subjective measures

Column

1   Month, e g 7701 is January 1977
2   How do you think the general economic situation in this country has changed over the last 12 months?
3   How do you think the general economic situation in this country will develop over the next 12 months?
4   How does the financial situation of your household compare with what it was 12 months ago?
5   How do you think the financial situation of your household will change over the next 12 months?
6   How do you think the level of unemployment (I mean the number of people out of work) in the country as a whole, will change over the next 12 months?

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7   By comparison with what is happening now, do you think that in the next
        12 months there will be a more rapid increase in prices, prices will
        increase at the same rate, prices will increase at a slower rate, prices
        will be stable, prices will fall slightly?
8   Longer leading cyclical indicator of the performance of the economy as at
        September 1986,
9   Median weekly gross household income from all sources
10   Total unemployed claimants in Great Britain
11   Retail Prices Index
12   Conservative support
13   Labour support
14   Alliance support
15   Do you approve or disapprove of the government's record to date?

EDUCATE

This data is drawn from the National Child Development Study, a longitudinal
survey of children who were born in 1958, and who have been investigated
periodically since then (see appendix to chapter 3) This file relates to 238
individuals drawn at random from all NCDS respondents for whom information on
school attainment at age 16 was available

Column

1   Sex
2   RG social class of father at birth
3   Number of children under 21 in household when respondent was aged 11
4   Goodenough draw-a-man IQ test administered at age 7
5   Score on test of general verbal ability at age 11
6   Score on test of general non-verbal ability at age 11
7   Number of persons per room in household at age 16
8   Score on test of reading comprehension at age 16
9   Score on test of mathematics attainment at age 16
10   Social class of respondent at age 23 -- current job or last job

HEIGHT

This is a random sample drawn from the OPCS study of the heights and weights of the adult population of Great Britain in 1980 (Knight 1984) It represents a sample of two hundred married men and their wives

Column

1   Husband's age
2   Registrar–General's social class of the husband
3   Height of the husband in millimetres
4   Wife's age
5   Registrar–General's social class of the wife
6   Height of wife in millimetres
7   The type of tenancy
8   The age of the husband at the time of this marriage
9   Whether the husband smokes or not

POVERTY

This data is a random sample of fifty family units drawn from the General Household Survey 1979

Column

1   Gross weekly income of family unit (pounds)
2   Social class of head of household
3   Net family income relative to entitlement to supplementary benefit
4   Region

SCOTLAND

This dataset shows stillbirths broken down by social class and fertility rates in Scotland, for a forty year period from 1944 to 1983

Column

1   Year
2   Stillbirth rate in social class I   –– professional
3   Stillbirth rate in social class II   –– intermediate
4   Stillbirth rate in social class III –– skilled
5   Stillbirth rate in social class IV   –– semi–skilled
6   Stillbirth rate in social class V   –– unskilled
7   Legitimate fertility rate per 1000 women
8   Illegitimate fertility rate per 1000 women

TOWNS

This dataset describes features of all British towns The data was kindly supplied by the Centre for Urban and Regional Development Studies (CURDS) at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne The geographic units in this dataset have been formed by dividing Britain up into 280 local labour market areas (LLMAs), on the basis of the 1981 census small area statistics, all are relatively self-contained in commuting terms and thus are meaningful units for studying patterns of change over time

Column

1   Population in 1971
2   Population in 1981
3   Percentage employment change 1971--8
4   Percentage employment change 1978--1
5   Unemployment rate, May 1985
6   Percentage of households with 2 or more cars, 1981
7   Registrar-General's Standard Regions
8   Urban size classification of LLMAs
9   Nineteen-fold classification of LLMAs
10 Index score

The Local Labour Market Area name appears at the end of each row of data

WORLD

This dataset contains indicators of economic and social performance of the 128 countries in the world, most of the data is for 1984 The reliability and validity of the data for different countries varies enormously, so not too much reliance should be placed on the figure for any one variable in any one country

Column

1   Country group
2   Population in mid-1984 in millions
3   Area (thousands of square kilometres)
4   GNP per capita in 1984 (US dollars)
5   Average annual growth rate (per cent) 1965--84
6   Percentage share of household income of top 10 per cent of households
7   Life expectancy at birth (years) in 1984
8   Infant (0--1 years) mortality rate per thousand live births in 1984
9   Number of people per doctor in 1984
10   Number of people per nurse in 1984
11   Percentage of females enrolled in primary school in 1983
12   Percentage of adult population literate in 1980

The country name is appended at the end of each row