

Socio-Economic Division

**Family Expenditure Survey  
1999-2000**

**VOLUME 5  
Database Changes**

**DATABASE CHANGES**

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### Explanatory Notes

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*This volume of the documentation describes the way in which the 1999-2000 database has changed in relation to the 1998-1999 database. Changes are described in terms of the names of the affected variables and codes. This volume is divided into 13 parts.*

**Part 1** - Changes to raw variables are listed in terms of those that are **new for 1999-2000**.

**Part 2** - Lists the variables that have been **deleted from 1998-1999**.

**Part 3** - Lists any variables that have been **amended from 1998-1999**, including a description of the change.

#### **For parts 4-6 - Changes to derived variables**

Many derived variables remain unchanged in name, but it should be remembered that there may well be changes in the contents of the variables that feed into them. You should check the compositions of the variables you intend using. Changes to derived variables are listed that:

**Part 4** - are new for 1999-2000

**Part 5** - have been deleted from 1998-1999 and

**Part 6** - which have been amended from 1998-1999, including a description of the change.

#### **Parts 7-9 - FES expenditure codes**

Expenditure codes are listed and explained in Volume 4 of the User Documentation.

**Part 7** - details expenditure codes which are new to 1999-2000

**Part 8** - details expenditure codes which have been deleted from 1998-1999 and

**Part 9** - shows expenditure codes which are amended from 1998-1999, with details of the changes.

#### **Parts 10-11 - Changes to tables**

**Part 10** - details new tables which have been set up for 1999-2000 and describes their contents.

**Part 11** - details tables that have been deleted from 1998-1999.

**Parts 12-13 - Major changes and changes to the Questionnaires**

**Part 12** - gives details of the changes to the Family Expenditure Survey over a ten year view from 1991 to the current year 1999-2000.

**Part 13** - gives details of the changes to the questionnaires in 1999-2000 and is based upon a paper written by the Social Survey Division.

# **Raw Variable Changes for 1999-2000**

Variable	Description	Table Name	Question Reference
<b>Household Questionnaire</b>			
afam	Family unit	benu	H 40.30
benu	Benefit unit	benu	H 40.20
bkpers11	Bank charges person number	bk	H 520.10
hbserv0	Card C1: Heating	rents1	H 70.95
hbserv1	Card C1: Lighting	rents1	H 70.95
hbserv2	Card C1: Hot water	rents1	H 70.95
hbserv3	Card C1: Fuel for cooking	rents1	H 70.95
hbserv4	Card C1: Food including prepared meals	rents1	H 70.95
hbserv5	Card C1: TV/Video rental	rents1	H 70.95
hbserv6	Card C1: TV license fees	rents1	H 70.95
hbserv7	Card C1: Personal laundry	rents1	H 70.95
hbserv8	Card C1: Medical expenses	rents1	H 70.95
hbserv9	Card C1: Nursing and personal care	rents1	H 70.95
hbserv10	Card C1: Transport	rents1	H 70.95
hbserv11	Card C1: Contents insurance	rents1	H 70.95
mort_contrb10	How much does {pers} contribute to the mortgage	mort	H 110.100
mortnm10	Who contributes towards the mortgage	mort	H 110.95
rebateo	Reason for paying no rent last time	rents1	H 70.45
<b>Income Questionnaire</b>			
dvhrtotu	Total usual hours worked (if overtime worked)	workhrs	I 20.105
dvisa	Weekly Equivalent Value for ISA interest	variousi	I 285.15
dvothins	WEV of other sickness insurance benefit	variousi	I 190.61
dvperm	WEV for personal health insurance	variousi	I 190.56
isaacc	Any interest credited to ISA, last 12 months	variousi	I 285.5
isaamt	How much interest received since April	variousi	I 285.10
sc	Social class	jobcodes	I 370.20
seg	Socio-Economic group	jobcodes	I 370.25
sic90	Industry code	jobcodes	I 370.5
soc	Standard Occupation Classification	jobcodes	I 370.10
usuhr	How many hours per week do you usually work	workhrs	I 20.90
variousi_bncardt0	Card T2: Trade Union sick pay or strike pay	variousi	I 190.10
variousi_bncardt6	Card T2: Other sickness insurance benefit	variousi	I 190.10
variousi_bncardt7	Card T2: Unemployment/ redundancy insrnce rcvd	variousi	I 190.10

**1999-2000 : VOLUME 5, PART 2****Family Expenditure Survey****Raw variables that have been deleted**

<b>Variable</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Table Name</b>
addinc	What amounts were included for Additional pension increments	benr1
addpen	What amount were include for Additional pension.	benr1
bu	Benefit unit	benu
condoc	Document consulted by respondent?	benr1
dvadd	Weekly equivalent of amount received for additional pension	benr1
dvadi	WEV of Additional Pension Increments	benr1
dvmii	WEV of Minimum Pension Increments	benr1
dvmin	WEV of Guaranteed Minimum pension	benr1
fu	Family unit	benu
hbserv00	Card C1: services included in rent	rents1
hbserv01	Card C1: services included in rent	rents1
hbserv02	Card C1: services included in rent	rents1
hbserv03	Card C1: services included in rent	rents1
hbserv04	Card C1: services included in rent	rents1
hbserv05	Card C1: services included in rent	rents1
hbserv06	Card C1: services included in rent	rents1
hbserv07	Card C1: services included in rent	rents1
hbserv08	Card C1: services included in rent	rents1
hbserv09	Card C1: services included in rent	rents1
hbserv10	Card C1: services included in rent	rents1
hbserv11	Card C1: services included in rent	rents1
iemstat1	Imputed employment status	jobcodes
ind1	Industry code	jobcodes
mininc	Amount received from Minimum Pension Increments	benr1
minpen	Amount received from Guaranteed Minimum Pension	benr1
rebate0	Reason for paying no rent last time	rents1
seg1	Socio-Economic Group	jobcodes
servd	When was the vehicle last serviced?	hhold2
soc1	3-digit S.O.C. code	jobcodes
soccls1	Social class	jobcodes
uthr	Hours worked per week, if no overtime worked	workhrs
variousi_bncardt	Benefits received from Trade union sick/strike pay	variousi

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1998-99 raw variables amended in 1999-2000

Variable	Description	Table Name	Description of Change
<b>Banding entry changes</b>			
benuinfo	Benefit unit details	hhold1	New banding in 1999
showben	SSD system variable	hhold1	New banding in 1999
<b>Changes to data type</b>			
cparamt	Amount received from part-exchange	vbought	was integer2, is now <b>integer4</b>
dvhrtot	WEV of total hours worked incl overtime	workhrs	was integer1, is now <b>integer2</b>
loandea_loanage	Age of loan in months	loandea	was integer4, is now <b>integer2</b>
unearn1	Card U2 – Any sleeping partner income?	variousi	was integer1, is now <b>integer</b>

**Variables with a banding entry but no indication of a coding frame**

None

**Variables that have moved from one table to another.**

None



# **Derived Variable Changes for 1999-2000**

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Variable	Description	Table Name
b335	Guardian's Allowance - amount received	set51
b411	ISA interest received	set46
d080208	Mobile phone - other payments, top-up cards expenditure by adults	set15
d080208c	Mobile phone - other payments, top-up cards expenditure by children	set15c
d080208t	Mobile phone - other payments, top-up cards expenditure by adults and children	set15t
d130207	Internet subscription fees - expenditure by adults	set20
d130207c	Internet subscription fees - expenditure by children	set20c
d130207t	Internet subscription fees - expenditure by adults & children	set20t
niindict	Indicator of case in enhanced NI sample	set1

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**1999-2000 : VOLUME 5, PART 5**  
**1998-99 derived variables deleted for 1999/2000**

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<b>Variable</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Table Name</b>
wkly230	WEV of amount spent on vehicle purchase	setwev
wkly235	WEV of amount received from part exchange	setwev
wklyvpin	WEV of insurance amount included in purchase price	setwev
wklyvptx	WEV of road tax amount included in purchase price	setwev

Variable	Description of Variable	Table Name	Description of Change
<b>Different bandings</b>			
region	SSD region (gor + metropolitan)	setste	Banding changed
regmet	Standard region with metropolitan areas	set1	Banding changed
<b>Variables that have been amended</b>			
a095	Social class of head of household	set8	conditions 1 to 7 change d
a215	Socio-economic group - main occupation	set43	conditions 4 to 45 changed
a220	Usual weekly hours (exc brks & ovrtime)	set43	condition 2 and formula changed
b187	Vehicle road tax - amount paid last year	set14	formula 3 changed
b188	Vehicle insurance - amount paid last year	set14	formula 3 changed
b244	Vehicle-cost of new car van outright	set14	condition 1 & formula changed
b245	Vehicle-cost of s-hand car van outright	set14	condition 1 & formula changed
b246	Vehicle rd tx on cars curr owned last yr	set14	condition 2 & formula changed
b247	Vehicle-cost of motorcycles outright	set14	condition 1 & formula changed
b248	Car leasing - expenditure on	set14	condition 2 & formula changed
b259	School milk - imputed value last week	set4	formula for condition 1 c changed
b263	Welfare milk - imputed value last week	set4	formula for condition 1 changed
b342	Statutory maternity pay-amount received	set46	conditions 3 & 4 changed
b388	Statutory sick pay-imputed gross amount	set49	conditions 1,2 & 4 changed and SSP increased to £59.55
b501	Private insurance benefits received	set51	conditions 5,6,7,8 changed
d0301011	Bread - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0301021	Biscuits - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0301031	Cakes, pastries etc.- large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0301041	Pastry, cake mixes etc-large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0301051	Breakfast cereals - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0301061	Flour, rice etc. - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0301071	Pasta -dried/fresh - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0301081	Pasta-cooked - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0301091	Kitkats-large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0302011	Fresh milk - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0302021	Other milk and cream- lar ge supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0302031	Yoghurt etc. - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0302041	Cheese - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0303011	Eggs - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0304011	Butter - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0304021	Margarine - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0304031	Cooking oils etc. - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0305011	Beef and Veal(raw) - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0305021	Lamb (uncooked) - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0305031	Pork (uncooked) - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0305041	Ham/bacon (raw) - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0305051	Sausages (uncooked) - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0305061	Poultry (uncooked) - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0305071	Offal/other raw meat -large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0305081	Tinned/bottled meat - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes

Variable	Description of Variable	Table Name	Description of Change
d0305091	Cold, ready meats etc-large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0305101	Meat/poultry pies etc - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0305111	Meat dishes, prepared - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0305121	Meat - unspecified - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0306011	Fish (uncooked) etc. - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0306021	Processed fish - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0306031	Fish (prepared) etc. - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0306041	Fish dishes(prepared)- large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0307011	Potatoes (raw) - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0307021	Processed potatoes - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0307031	Fresh veg and salad - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0307041	Processed/frozen veg - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0307051	Pulses dried/processed - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0307061	Veg dishes (prepared) - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0308011	Fresh fruit - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0308021	Processed fruit -large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0308031	Dried fruit/nuts -large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0309011	Sugar - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0309021	Jams, jellies, preserves-large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0309031	Sweets and chocolates-large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0310011	Tea - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0310021	Coffee - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0310031	Food drinks - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0310041	Fruit juice, drinks etc.-large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0310051	Carbonated drinks - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0310061	Mineral water - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0311011	Ice cream/sorbets - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0311021	Crisps/ savoury snacks - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0311031	Pickles, sauces etc. - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0311041	Soup - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0311051	Savoury quiches etc. -large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0311061	Veg protein etc. - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0311071	Oth convenience foods-large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0311081	Diet foods - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0311091	Baby foods (not milk)-large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0311101	Foods-oth undefined - large super markets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0311121	sandwiches - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0401011	Beer and lager - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0401021	Cider - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0401031	Table wines/wines nos-large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0401041	Champagne/spkling wines-lge supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0401051	Fortified wines - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0401061	Spirits, liqueurs - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0401071	Alc sft drinks/alcopops-lge supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0401081	Off-license Alcohol nos-lge supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0501011	Cigarettes - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0501021	Pipe tobacco/tobacco nos-lge supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes

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Variable	Description of Variable	Table Name	Description of Change
d0501031	Cigars - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d060101x	Mens outerwear- selected clothing chains	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d060101y	Mens outerwear - large supermarket s	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d060101z	Mens outerwear - charity shops	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d060102x	Womens outerwear-selectd clothing chains	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d060102y	Womens outerwear - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d060102z	Womens outerwear - charity shops	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d060103x	Boys outerwear- selected clothing chains	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d060103y	Boys outerwear - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d060103z	Boys outerwear(aged 5-15)- charity shops	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d060104x	Girls outerwear-selected clothing chains	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d060104y	Girls outerwear - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d060104z	Girls outerwear(aged 5-15)-charity shops	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d060105x	Infants outerwear-selectd clothing chains	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d060105y	Infants outerwear - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d060105z	Infants outerwear(under 5)-charity shops	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d060201x	Mens underwear- selected clothing chains	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d060201y	Mens underwear - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d060201z	Mens underwear - charity shops	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d060202x	Women underwear-selectd clothing chains	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d060202y	Womens underwear - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d060202z	Womens underwear - charity shops	set27a	condition changed, revised sh op codes
d060203x	Childrens underwear-selctd clothg chains	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d060203y	Childrens underwear - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d060203z	Childrens underwear - charity shops	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d060301x	Mens accessories-selectd clothing chains	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d060301y	Mens accessories - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d060301z	Mens accessories - charity shops	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d060302x	Womens accessories-selectd clothg chains	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d060302y	Womens accessories - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d060302z	Womens accessories - charity shops	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d060303x	Childrens accessories-selctd clthg chain	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d060303y	Childres accessories- large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d060303z	Childrens accessories - charity shops	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d060401x	Mens footwear - selected clothing chains	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d060401y	Mens footwear - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d060401z	Mens footwear - charity shops	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d060402x	Womens footwear-selected clothing chains	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d060402y	Womens footwear - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d060402z	Womens footwear - charity shops	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d060403x	Childrens/Infnts ftwear-slctd cltg chain	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d060403y	Childrens/Infnts ft wear-lge supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes

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d060403z	Childrens/Infants ftwear - charity shops	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d060404x	Footwear(n.o.s) - selctd clothing chains	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d060404y	Footwear(n.o.s) - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d060404z	Footwear(n.o.s) - charity shops	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d060501x	Haberdashery - selected clothing chains	set27a	condition changed, r revised shop codes
d060501y	Haberdashery - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d060501z	Haberdashery - charity shops	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d060502x	Clothg mterials(nos)-selctd clothg chains	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d060502y	Clothg mterials(nos)-large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d060502z	Clothing materials (nos) - charity shops	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0702091	Electric consumables-large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0703061	Matches - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0704011	Detergents etc. - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0704021	Disinfectants etc. - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0705011	Toilet paper - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0706011	Pet food - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0706021	Pet purchase etc. - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0802011	Postage/poundage - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0901011	Toilet soap - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0901021	Toiletries - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0901031	Toilet requisites - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d0901051	Cosmetics & related - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d1003011	Petrol - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d1003021	Diesel oil - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d1003031	Other motor oils - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d1203011	Newspapers - large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d1203021	Magazines/periodicals-large supermarkets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
d1203041	Personal stationery - large super markets	set27a	condition changed, revised shop codes
p031	Soc-sec bnfts included in income calcs	set51	formula changed
p034	Other pensions, benefits & allowances	set51	formula changed
p048	Income from investments	set46	formula changed
p081	Int & tax on bank, nat savings, TESSAs	set46	formula changed
p085	Any other benefit amount currently recvd	set51	conditions 1 to 6 changed
p131	Household services(RPI)-personal exptre	set54	condition 1 changed
p131c	Household services(RPI)-personal exptre	set54c	condition 1 changed
p136	Leisure services (RPI) - personal expend	set54	condition 1 changed
p136c	Leisure services (RPI) - personal expend	set54c	condition 2 changed
p146	Household services - credit expenditure	set54	conditions 1 to 5 changed
p151	Leisure services - credit expenditure	set54	conditions 1 to 4 changed
p492p	Index households	set1	values in the formula changed
p492u	Index households	setunanonh	values in the formula changed
p555	Household services - national accounts	set24	formulas 1 & 2 changed
p555c	Household services - national accounts	set24c	formulas 1 & 2 changed
p558	Leisure services - national accounts	set24	formula 1 changed
p558c	Leisure services - national accounts	set24c	formula 1 changed
region	SSD region (gor + metropolitan)	setste	new conditions & formula
regmet	Standard region with metropolitan areas	set1	new formula

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<b>Variable</b>	<b>Description of Variable</b>	<b>Table Name</b>	<b>Description of Change</b>
t83	Telephone	set26	formula changed

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# **Expenditure Code Changes for 1999-2000**

<b>Expenditure Code</b>	<b>Description</b>
080208	Mobile phone - other payments, top-up cards
130207	Internet subscription fees

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**Expenditure Code**

**Description of Expenditure Code**

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There were no Expenditure codes deleted for 1999-2000.

<b>Expenditure Code</b>	<b>Description of Expenditure Code</b>	<b>Description of Change</b>
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There were no expenditure codes amended in 1999-2000.

# **Other Changes for 1999-2000**

<b>Table Name</b>	<b>Description</b>
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No new tables have been found for 1999-2000

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Table Name	Description
SETWEV	This person-level table held a number of weekly equivalent value variables that were not calculated (or not done correctly) in the raw database received from SSD.

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## MAJOR CHANGES

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### Changes in definitions 1991 to 1999-2000

#### 1991

No significant changes.

#### 1992

*Housing* – Imputed rent for owner occupiers and households in rent-free accommodation has been discontinued. For owner occupiers this was the rent they would have had pay themselves to live in the property they own, and for households in rent-free accommodation it was the rent they would normally have had to pay. Up to 1990 these amounts were counted both as income and as a housing cost. Mortgage interest payments were counted as a housing cost for the first time in 1991.

#### 1993

*Council Tax* - Council Tax was introduced to replace the Community Charge in Great Britain from April 1993.

#### 1994-95

*New expenditure items* - The definition of expenditure was extended to include two items previously shown under “other payments recorded”. These are:

- gambling payments;
- mortgage protection premiums.

*Expenditure classifications* - A new classification system for expenditures was introduced in April 1994. The system is hierarchical and allows more detail to be preserved than the previous system. New categories of expenditure were introduced and are shown in detail in table 7.1. The 14 main groups of expenditure were retained, but there were some changes in the content of these groups.

*Gambling Payments* - data on gambling expenditure and winnings are collected in the expenditure diary. Previously these have been excluded from the definition of household expenditure used in the FES. The data have been shown as memoranda items under the heading “Other payments recorded” on both gross and net bases. The net basis corresponds approximately to the treatment of gambling in the National Accounts. The introduction of the National Lottery has stimulated a reconsideration of this treatment. From April 1994, (gross) gambling payments have been included as expenditure in “Leisure Services”. Gambling winnings continued to be noted as a memorandum item under “Other items recorded”. They are treated as windfall income. They do not form a part of normal household income, nor are they subtracted from gross gambling payments. This treatment is in line with the PRODCOM classification of the Statistical Office of the European Communities (SOEC) for expenditure in household budget surveys.



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**1995-96**

*Geographical coverage* - The FES geographical coverage was extended to mainland Scotland north of the Caledonian Canal.

*Under 16s diaries* - Two week expenditure diaries for 7-15 year olds were introduced following three feasibility pilot studies which found that children of that age group were able to cope with the task of keeping a two week expenditure record. Children are asked to record everything they buy with their own money but to exclude items bought with other people's money. Purchases are coded according to the same coding categories as adult diaries except for meals and snacks away from home which are coded as school meals, hot meals and snacks, and cold meals and snacks. Children who keep a diary are given a £5 incentive payment. A refusal to keep an under 16's diary does not invalidate the household from inclusion in the survey.

Pocket money given to children is still recorded separately in adult diaries; and money paid by adults for school meals and school travel is recorded in the Household Questionnaire. However, no attempt is made to determine whether money given to children for the purpose of school meals or school travel is actually used for those purposes.

Tables in Family Spending reports for 1994-95 to 1997-98 excluded these expenditures, however, and pocket money and other transfers to children were shown in the same way as in earlier years. The present report includes results from the under 16s diaries. Appendix G shows what difference the inclusion made.

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### 1996-97

*Self-employment* - The way in which information about income from self-employment is collected was substantially revised in 1996-97 following various tests and pilot studies. The quality of such data was increased but this may have led to a discontinuity. Full details are shown in the Income Questionnaire, available from the address in the introduction.

*Cable/satellite television* - Information on cable and satellite subscriptions is now collected from the household questionnaire rather than from the diary, leading to more respondents reporting this expenditure.

*Mobile phones* - Expenditure on mobile phones was previously collected through the diary. From 1996/97 this has been included in the questionnaire.

*Job seekers allowance (JSA)* - Introduced in October 1996 as a replacement for Unemployment Benefit and any Income Support associated with the payment of Unemployment Benefit. Receipt of JSA is collected with NI Unemployment Benefit and with Income Support. In both cases the number of weeks a respondent has been in receipt of these benefits is taken as the number of weeks receiving JSA in the last 12 months and before that period the number of weeks receiving Unemployment Benefit/Income Support.

*Retrospective recall* - The period over which information is requested has been extended from 3 to 12 months for vehicle purchase and sale. Information on the purchase of car and motorcycle spare parts is no longer collected by retrospective recall. Instead expenditure on these items is collected through the diary.

*State benefits* - The lists of benefits specifically asked about was reviewed in 1996/97. See the Income Questionnaire for more information.

*Sample stratifiers* - New stratifiers were introduced in 1996/97 based on standard regions, socio-economic group and car ownership.

*Government Office Regions* - Regional analyses are now presented using the Government Office Regions (GORs) formed in 1994. Previously all regional analyses used Standard Statistical Regions (SSRs). For more information see Appendix F.

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**1997-98**

*Bank/Building society service charges* - Collection of information on service charges levied by banks has been extended to include building societies.

*Payments from unemployment/redundancy insurances* - Information is now collected on payments received from private unemployment and redundancy insurance policies. This information is then incorporated into the calculation of income from other sources.

*Retired households* - The definition of retired households has been amended to exclude households where the head of the household is economically active.

*Rent-free tenure* - The definition of rent-free tenure has been amended to include those households for which someone outside the household, except an employer or an organisation, is paying a rent or mortgage on behalf of the household.

*National Lottery* - From February 1997, expenditure on National lottery tickets was collected as three separate items: tickets for the Wednesday draw only, tickets for the Saturday draw only and tickets for both draws.

**1998-99**

*Children's income* - Three new expenditure codes were introduced: pocket money to children; money given to children for specific purposes and cash gifts to children. These replaced a single code covering all three categories.

*Main job and last paid job* - Harmonised questions were adopted.

**1999-2000**

*Working Family Tax Credit* - the questionnaire was altered to deal with the replacement of Family Credit by Working Family Tax Credit in October 1999.

**QUESTIONNAIRE CHANGES FROM APRIL 1999****Based on a paper by Social Survey Division**

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This paper lists the changes in the content of the FES questionnaires from April 1999. It covers new questions, deletions, amendments to wording, coding changes within specific questions on the Household and Income questionnaires and major routing changes.

The first column gives the question reference number used in the 1999-2000 questionnaire and the second column gives the question reference number used in the 1998-99 questionnaire. If this number is pre-fixed by an 'H' then the question can be found in the Household Questionnaire and if it is pre-fixed by an 'I' it can be found in the Income Questionnaire.

The third column gives the 1999-2000 question text and explains the nature of the change: in the case of completely new questions a routing statement is included, e.g. APPLIES IF BUYING WITH MORTGAGE, followed by the question text. Changes to coding or wording are indicated by "CODING CHANGE" or "REWORDED" followed by the new codes or wording.

Questions are covered by topic area, e.g. mortgages.

The full text and routing for all questions and the diary coding frame are available in separate documentation, see Volume 6 - Variable Relationships.

**Changes to the questionnaire in 1999-2000**

The main changes to the FES questionnaire for 1999-2000 are summarised below.

**MAIN QUESTIONNAIRE CHANGES**

**Household Questionnaire**

1. Changes to coding frame for Government Office Region stratifier
2. Changes to coding frame for medical/loss of income insurance policies
3. Mobile phone top-up cards now recorded in diary rather than interview.
4. Period of reference for vehicle servicing reduced from 6 months to 3 months, question Servd - date of last service removed.

**Income questionnaire**

1. Routing for those asked usual hours of work expanded.
2. Questions on additional pensions and minimum guaranteed pension removed
3. Introduction of Working Families Tax Credit and Disabled Person's Tax Credit to replace Family Credit and Disability Working Allowance
5. Changes to coding frame for medical/loss of income insurance policies
6. Introduction of Individual Savings Accounts

1999-2000 question number	1998-99 question number	1999-2000 Questionnaire text or description of change
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### Household Composition

#### Household Questionnaire

H_10.90	H_10.90	<p><b>HHOLD1.PafReg</b>            AMENDED CODING FRAME            The Government Office Region regional stratifier            Variable attached at GOR level</p> <p>North East Metropolitan ..... 1            North East non-Metropolitan ..... 2            North West Metropolitan ..... 3            North West non-Metropolitan ..... 4            Merseyside ..... 5            Yorks &amp; Humberside Metropolitan ..... 6            Yorks &amp; Humberside non-Metropolitan ..... 7            East Midlands ..... 8            West Midlands Metropolitan ..... 9            West Midlands non-Metropolitan ..... 10            Eastern Outer Metropolitan ..... 11            East Anglia ..... 12            Eastern Other (ex East Anglia) ..... 13            London North East ..... 14            London North West ..... 15            London South East ..... 16            London South West ..... 17            South East Outer Metropolitan ..... 18            South East Other ..... 19            South West ..... 20            Glamorgan, Gwent ..... 21            Clwyd, Gwynedd, Dyfed, Powys ..... 22            Highland, Grampian, Tayside ..... 23            Fife, Central, Lothian ..... 24            Glasgow ..... 25            Strathclyde ex Glasgow ..... 26            Borders, Dumfries, Galloway ..... 27            Northern Ireland ..... 28</p>
H_10.91	H_10.91	<p><b>HHOLD1.GovRegGB</b>            AMENDED CODING FRAME            Government Office Region + Northern Ireland            East of England has replaced Eastern (code 7)</p>

1999-2000 question number	1998-99 question number	1999-2000 Questionnaire text or description of change
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H_20.85	H_20.85	<p><b>HHOLD1.Ethnic</b>  REWORDED  To which of these groups do you consider you belong ?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>White ..... 1</li> <li>Black-Caribbean ..... 2</li> <li>Black-African ..... 3</li> <li>Black – other Black groups ..... 4</li> <li>Indian ..... 5</li> <li>Pakistani ..... 5</li> <li>Bangladeshi ..... 7</li> <li>Chinese ..... 8</li> <li>None of these ..... 9</li> </ul>
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**Medical/Other Insurances**

H_180.20	H_180.20	<p><b>HHOLD1.Minstype</b>  AMENDED CODING FRAME  What type of insurance policy is this ?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Personal accident policies..... 1</li> <li>Private medical insurance schemes..... 2</li> <li>Permanent Health Insurance..... 3</li> <li>Critical Illness Cover ..... 4</li> <li>Friendly societies sickness insurance..... 5</li> <li>Nursing home/long term care ..... 6</li> <li>To provide an income in hospital ..... 7</li> <li>Any other sickness insurance ..... 8</li> <li>Unemployment/redundancy policy not covering mortgage ..... 9</li> <li>Credit card protection insurance ..... 10</li> <li>Animal insurance..... 11</li> <li>Other ..... 12</li> </ul>
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**Vehicle Servicing**

H_310.30	<p><b>HHOLD2.Servd</b>  DELETED  What was the date of the last service for which you paid ?</p>
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**Income questionnaire****Benefits**

Questions 140.35 through to 140.75, QTBenef1, pensions, have been deleted.

I_160.15	I_160.15	<b>BENS1.BnCardS1</b> AMENDED CODING FRAME Have you received in the last 12 months since..., any of these benefits in your own right: that is, where you are the named recipient ? Jobseekers Allowance..... 1 Income Support ..... 2 Family Credit/Working Families Tax Credit ..... 3 Incapacity Benefit ..... 4 Statutory Sick Pay ..... 5 Industrial Injury Disablement Benefit..... 6 None of these ..... 7
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I\_160.20, coding frame amended as above, Working Families Tax Credit in addition to Family Credit.  
Also at questions 180.10., 180.15, 180.20

I_190.10	I_190.10	<b>VARIOUS1.BnCardT2</b> AMENDED CODING FRAME Which benefits have you received ? Trade Union Sick Pay ..... 1 Friendly Society Sickness Benefits ..... 2 Benefits under private medical scheme..... 3 Benefits under personal accident insurance ..... 4 Permanent health insurance ..... 5 Benefits under hospital savings scheme..... 6 Benefits under any other sickness insurance..... 7 Payments from unemployment/redundancy insurance..... 8
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The same coding frame is used at question 190.15, index variable CardT2.

I_190.20	I_190.20	<b>VARIOUS1.QtOthBen..Adult</b> Prefix AMENDED CODING FRAME TradUnq.NumWks FrSocQ.NumWks PrivSkQ.NumWks AccInsQ.NumWks PermInsQ.NumWks HospSvQ.NumWks OthInsQ.NumWks RedInsQ.NumWks
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Applies also to 190.25-190.35

I_190.56		<b>VARIOUSI.DVPerm</b> NEW DV APPLIES IF QTOthBen.BnCardT2 = 5 DV for Permanent Health Insurance
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I_190.61		<b>VARIOUSI.DVOthIns</b> NEW DV APPLIES IF QTOthBen.BnCardT2 = 7
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**Interest on Investments – ISAs**

I_285.5	account	<b>VARIOUSI.ISAAcc</b> NEW QUESTION APPLIES TO ALL SPENDERS In the last 12 months have you had any interest credited to an individual savings (ISAs started in April 1999) ? Yes ..... 1 No ..... 2
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I_285.10		<b>VARIOUSI.ISAAmt</b> NEW QUESTION APPLIES IF ISAACC = YES What was the total interest since April 1999 ? 1..99997
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I_285.15		<b>VARIOUSI.DVISA</b> NEW DV 0..99997.00
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